

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.16354 of 2023
Date of decision: 14th July, 2023

Vishal Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.21 dated 16.02.2023 for the offences under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Joga, District Mansa.

2. Vide order dated 10.04.2023, the petitioner had been granted concession of interim bail in the following terms:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the case of the petitioner is identical to that of co-accused Manjit Singh, who has since been extended the concession of interim bail vide order dated 17.03.2023 (Annexure P-3) by this Court. It has also been submitted that the petitioner, like co-accused Manjit Singh, was not even acquainted with the complainant and there was no proof whatsoever qua any payment having been made to

him by the complainant much less of Rs.6 lakhs. It has further been submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case much less of similar nature. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Jagsir Singh, submits that in compliance of the order dated 10.04.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

4. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 10.04.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 14, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No