

2023:PHHC:123761

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANAAT
CHANDIGARH

204-A

CRM-M-19007-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.09.2023

RITA NARULA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. VK Sandhir, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hakam Singh, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.13 dated 21.01.2022, registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, at Police Station E-Division, Amritsar.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite his best efforts, he is no longer in contact with the petitioner.

Vide order dated 06.05.2022 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioner had been granted ad-interim anticipatory bail. Thereafter, the matter was adjourned from time to time, granting opportunities to the petitioner to join the investigation and to deposit the aforesaid amount.

On 24.08.2023, this Court has passed the following orders:-

“At the outset, learned State counsel, on the instructions from HC Manjit Singh, submits that, though, the petitioner has been granted the concession

of ad interim anticipatory bail vide order dated 06.05.2022 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, yet the fact remains that he has not joined the investigation. He further submits that the petitioner has deposited the sum of Rs.75,000/- in compliance of the said order

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that one more opportunity be granted to the petitioner to join the investigation.

In view of the above, last opportunity is granted and the petitioner is again directed to join the investigation within 15 days from today or any other date convenient to the Investigation Officer

Adjourned to 20.09.2023.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner did not join, the interim order shall stand automatically vacated.

Interim order to continue.”

Today also, learned State counsel, submits that, the petitioner has again not joined the investigation.

Perusal of the record would show that despite availing the ample number of opportunities since 06.05.2022, the petitioner has not joined the investigation. The petitioner cannot be allowed to avail the interim protection at the costs of violation of the conditions laid therein. Therefore, the petitioner is no longer entitled to the interim protection.

Dismissed.

20.09.2023

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No