

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

101+210

CRM-38890-2023 in/and
CRM-M-20365-2023
Date of Decision:21.11.2023

Ravi Kumar

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randeep Singh Khaira, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate
for the complainant.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 25.04.2023, following order was passed:

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0050 dated 05.04.2023 registered under Sections 417, 418, 420, 465, 466, 468, 471 IPC at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot.

It is contended by learned counsel that in order to show his bonafides, petitioner is ready to deposit ₹1.5 lacs each in the name of two children, Rishi Kant and Chetan Kant, of deceased Sonia.

Notice of motion.

Mr. P.S. Pandher, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate appears for the complainant and also filed his Power of Attorney.

As per the undertaking given by counsel for the petitioner, petitioner is hereby directed to deposit an amount of ₹1.5 lacs in the form of FDR in the name of one of the children Rishi Kant on or before 10.05.2023; and another FDR of ₹1.5 lacs in the name of other

child, Chetan Kant on or before 25.05.2023, in the Registry. The said FDRs should be issued from any nationalised bank.

Adjourned to 26.05.2023. In the meantime, in case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/ Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Later on, the amount of ₹1,50,000/- each in the name of two children Chetan Kant and Rishi Kant of deceased Sonia, could not be deposited for some or the other reason. On the last date of hearing i.e. 21.09.2023, petitioner was directed to deposit the said amount in the Savings Account of both the children.

Today learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record copy of bank vouchers as well as copy of the bank statements of both the children Chetan Kant and Rishi Kant so as to contend that amount of ₹1,50,000/- each has been deposited in the accounts of both the children i.e. Chetan Kant and Rishi Kant. The said fact is conceded to by learned counsel for the complainant.

Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 25.04.2023 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation

as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

November 21, 2023
Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No