

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-26877-2023

Date of decision: 23.08.2023

Sumit Nehra

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present : Mr. Sandeep Godara, Advocate for  
Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.132 dated 17.11.2022 under Sections 420 and 406 of the IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur.

2. On the last date of hearing i.e. 31.05.2023, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner and the daughter of the complainant were college-mates and had been in a relationship with each other, however, later on the relations between the petitioner and the daughter of the complainant soured leading to the registration of a false and fabricated case against him. He further submits that even otherwise a perusal of the allegations levelled reveals that totally vague allegations have been levelled against the petitioner of having induced the complainant to part*

*with approximately `7.5 lakhs on the assurance that his daughter would be sent to England. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 31.05.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having 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.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 31.05.2023, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

23.08.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | : | Yes/No |