

209 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

Neutral Citation No. 2023:PHHC:105483  
CRM-M-28101-2023  
Date of Decision: August 16, 2023

Arun Kumar Sharma ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Amrish Kumar Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

Status report by way of affidavit of Shri Sandeep Singh,  
Deputy Superintendent of Police (Rural), Ferozepur, District Ferozepur,  
has been filed on behalf of respondent-State.

On 31.05.2023, the following order was passed by this  
Court:-

*“By way of this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C, petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.31, dated 13.04.2023 registered under Sections 406 and 420 IPC at Police Station Ghall Khurd.*

*It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that during the commercial transaction between the two parties, rice was purchased from the complainant Company way back in March, 2020. It is alleged in the FIR that payment has not been made. Learned counsel has drawn attention towards Form No.DIR-12 (Annexure P.1) that the petitioner was only Additional Director. It is also contended that it was a pure civil dispute which has been given the criminal colour.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State.*

*Let status report be filed on or before 09.08.2023.*

*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. ”*

On instructions from H.C. Kanwaljot Singh, learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 31.05.2023 and is no longer required for further investigation.

In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 31.05.2023, whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.

Disposed of.

**August 16, 2023**

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No