

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-29301-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 18.5.2023

Ranjit Singh

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Arun Dogra, Advocate,
for the complainant.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal case having FIR No.44 dated 17.5.2022 registered under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot.

Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits that in compliance of previous order, the petitioner has made payment of ₹ 92,000/- to the complainant in the Court on the last date of hearing and further, the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police. Furthermore, main-accused Babu Ram has been arrested by the police.

Counsel for the complainant who is resisting the present petition, submits that the accused including the present petitioner defrauded the complainant of ₹ 5,42,000/-. However, he has not disputed the fact that the petitioner made payment of ₹ 92,000/- to the complainant in the Court

on the last date of hearing and that main accused Babu Ram is arrested by the police.

Short reply filed by way of affidavit of Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh, SSP, District Pathankot on behalf of the State is ordered to be taken on record, as per which, main accused Babu Ram has been arrested in this case on 23.3.2023.

State counsel on instructions from ASI Balbir Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and now is not required for further investigation or custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 12.7.2022 is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

May 18, 2023

Paritosh Kumar

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No