

**209 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM M-30351-2023 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 20.07.2023**

Sukhjeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Manish Kumar Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurlal Singh Dhillon, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Sukha Singh.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short “Cr.P.C”) for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.44 dated 25.05.2023, under Sections 419, 420, 468 and 471 IPC registered at Police Station Chhajali, District Sangrur.

Short Reply by way of affidavit of Sh. Prithvi Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Dirba filed on behalf of the respondent is taken on record.

2. Petitioner is alleged to have issued multiple SIM cards on the strength of forged identity cards.

3. This Court vide order dated 13.06.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. AG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and seeks time to have instructions and/or file written response in the matter.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973."

4. Learned counsel on instructions from petitioner submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, he joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required by the Police.
5. The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel, on instructions from quarter concerned and fairly submitted that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required at this stage.
6. In view of above, interim order dated 13.06.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
7. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.
8. The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
9. Disposed off accordingly.
10. Pending criminal misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.07.2023
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No