

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.30940 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21st August, 2023

Surinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Yogesh Goel, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

Mr. Paras Talwar, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0353 dated 11.12.2020 registered under Sections 420/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 21.06.2023, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 21.06.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He submits that even otherwise, the petitioner was not a beneficiary to the transaction in question as he was alleged to be a witness to the

agreement to sell. It has been further submitted that investigation qua the petitioner is complete and challan stands presented.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Amarjeet Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He also does not dispute that the petitioner was not a beneficiary to the transaction in question but had been a witness to the agreement to sell. On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel as to whether the petitioner had any criminal antecedents, he on instructions has replied in the negative. Learned State counsel, on further instructions has apprised the Court that investigation qua the petitioner is complete and challan stands presented.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 21.06.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 21, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No