

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-36692-2023

Date of decision: 14.09.2023

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..Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Ashish Sindher, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Addl. AG, Haryana.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J.

1. On 31.07.2023, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.81 dated 28.04.2023, registered under Sections 420, 468, 471 IPC and Section 12 of Passport Act, at Police Station Alewa, District Jind.

Learned counsel contends that the allegations against petitioner are of having submitted a wrong birth certificate at the time of applying for passport in 2016, to which his submission is that the same was done by his agent, who has not been arrayed as an accused. Now, in December, 2022, he applied for passport by submitting the correct date of birth certificate, it is thereafter the FIR in question has been lodged and for all these years, no complaint was ever filed against him. The petitioner is not involved in any other case. He is ready and willing to join investigation as and when required by the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Jagdish Manchanda, Addl. AG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 08.08.2023. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 14.09.2023.”

2. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for any custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 31.07.2023 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

5. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No