

CRM-M-37566-2023
Decided on: 19.09.2023

Sukhwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
16	02.05.2023	Vigilance Bureau, FS-I, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab	409, 420, 465, 466, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 13(1) (a) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended by PC (Amendment) Act 2018

1. The petitioner apprehending arrest in the FIR captioned above, had come up before this Court under Section 438 CrPC seeking anticipatory bail.
2. Vide order dated 03.08.2023, the petitioner was granted interim protection, which is continuing till date. On 01.09.2023, interim order was extended subject to complying with some conditions.
3. Petitioner’s counsel submits that they have voluntarily complied with the previous order dated 01.09.2023 and handed over the affidavit to counsel for the State.
4. However, on instructions, counsel for the State has opposed the bail on the ground that now all the beneficiaries are depositing the entire compensation amount and some have even deposited the interest accrued thereupon. At this, petitioner’s counsel submits that they would also deposit the balance of compensation amount within a week.
5. Given the candid stand of the petitioner, petitioner is directed to deposit the entire compensation amount by 31.10.2023. It is clarified that although the affidavit has been

handed over to the State but after deposit of the compensation amount, the investigator shall return the original affidavit to the petitioner. It is further clarified that since the offer of returning the entire compensation amount is voluntary, it is clarified that in case, the petitioner fails to deposit the fine till 31.10.2023, this order as well as the previous bail order dated 01.09.2023, shall stand recalled without any further reference to this Court.

6. **Petition is allowed in the terms mentioned above.** Interim order dated 03.08.2023, is made absolute. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No.