

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

**CRM-M-37752-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 11.09.2023**

Paramjit Singh @ Rikhi

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Ms. Kamlesh, Advocate for
Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaiteshwar S. Bhandari, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.116 dated 12.06.2023, under Sections 406 & 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

(2) Above FIR was registered on the basis of application moved by complainant-Satnam Singh to the effect that petitioner along with other co-accused, who were running the Office in the name and style of Rikhi Tours

and Travels, cheated Rs.3,60,000/- for sending the friends of complainant abroad on different dates. Neither accused send the friends of complainant abroad; nor the amount has been returned to them. Hence the present FIR.

(3) This Court, vide order dated 03.08.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Contends inter-alia that there is no allegation regarding the receipt of money against the petitioner.

Notice of motion for 11.09.2023.

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 submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has already joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

(5) Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Nazar Singh, submits that petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, his custodial interrogation is not required.

(6) In view of above, interim order dated 03.08.2023 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 application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

September 11th, 2023
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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