

2023:PHHC:122028

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

CRM-M-38907-2023

Date of decision: 14.09.2023

HARPREET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A. G. Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.58 dated 09.04.2023, registered at Police Station Division-A, Amritsar City, District Amritsar, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional (Regulation) Act, 2014.

2. Status report dated 14.09.2023 by way of affidavit of the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, City-3, Amritsar, filed in the Court today, is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to the counsel opposite.

3. Vide order dated 09.08.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted *ad interim* pre-arrest bail and had been directed to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the aforesaid order dated 09.08.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and whatever deposited in his account, he has returned to all the complainants.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurjinder Singh, submits that some documents are yet to be recovered from the petitioner and that investigation is now being conducted by ADCP, Amritsar.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

7. As stated by learned counsel for the petitioner, due amount has been paid to the complainants.

8. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court finds that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation. Therefore, finding merit in the present petition, the same is allowed and the order dated 09.08.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

9. However, it is made clear that the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Agency as and when required for investigational purposes.

14.09.2023

parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No