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

**CRM-M-40255-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.09.2023**

SATNAM SINGH

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Barjinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

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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.103 dated 20.04.2022 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Patran, Patiala.

2. Above FIR was registered on the basis of statement made by complainant Jiwan Singla with the allegations that petitioner had approached his company for financing old vehicle Innova, which was purchased by him and an agreement was allegedly entered into and the complainant through his finance company had advanced a sum of Rs.6,02,000/- to him. But the petitioner did not act upon the agreement, rather, he prepared the forged documents showing the loan amount having been cleared and NOC having been issued by the complainant company.

3. This Court, vide order dated 22.08.2023 granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

petitioner?
Posted on 21.09.2023.
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 the 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 Kulwant 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 22.08.2023 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 applications, if any, also stand disposed off.

21.09.2023
Jasmine Kaur

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No