

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44965-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 11.1.2023

Sukhbir Singh

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

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

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. AG, Punjab

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal case having FIR No.229 dated 31.7.2021 registered under Sections 409, 120-B IPC at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar Rural.

Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case but still, the petitioner and other co-accused have already returned the alleged embezzled rice to the concerned authorities and now the same has been further distributed to different schools for purpose of mid day meal. He further submits that by virtue of previous order of interim bail, the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police.

State counsel on instructions from ASI Baldev Singh has admitted that the petitioner joined the investigation and the rice equal to the embezzled rice has been provided by all the accused including the petitioner

to the concerned department and that the departmental action has already

been initiated against the petitioner. State counsel further submits that as nothing remains to be recovered from the petitioner out of the embezzled rice, the petitioner is not required by the police for any further investigation or custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 28.9.2022 is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

January 11, 2023
Paritosh Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No