

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

CRM-M-42876-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 30.11.2023

Sandeep Kumar

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Kanwar Inder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A.G., Punjab for the respondent.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.43 dated 23.05.2023, under Sections 420, 465, 468 & 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Bhargo Camp, District Jalandhar.

(2) Petitioner is alleged to have issued multiple SIM Cards on the basis of forged documents.

(3) The Coordinate Bench, vide order dated 14.09.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was nominated on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-accused, namely, Sonu @ Sonu Janjid, who has since been granted anticipatory bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-30258-2023 on 18.08.2023.

Adjourned to 30.11.2023.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and to co-operate fully with the investigation process and on his doing so, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

(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 Sardari Lal, submits that petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, his custodial interrogation is not required.

(6) In view of above, interim order dated 14.09.2023 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.

November 30, 2023

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes</i>