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

CRM-M-44776-2023 (O&M)**Date of decision : 10.10.2023**

Laddi Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl.A.G., Punjab,
assisted by HC Khushbinder Singh.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.104 dated 25.07.2023, under Sections 457, 380, 411 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, '*the IPC*'), registered at Police Station Moonak, District Sangrur.

2. Above FIR was registered on the basis of complaint made by one Ashutosh Singla to the effect that some unknown persons had committed theft in his Rice Mills.

3. This Court, on 11.09.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and relevant part of the same is recapitulated as under:-

*“Contends inter-alia that petitioner was nominated
in the present case on the basis of disclosure made by co-*

accused, Nawab Khan & Salim Khan on 29.07.2023 and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time to verify the above factual position.

Posted on 10.10.2023.

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. There is no assistance on behalf of the petitioner.
5. Learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police officer present in Court submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, at this stage.
6. In view of above, interim order dated 11.09.2023 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.

10.10.2023

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned : *Yes* / *No*

Whether reportable : *Yes* / *No*