

**206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M No. 45525 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 20.11.2023**

Kulwinder Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN*******Present :- Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

*********PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)**

1 On 19.09.2023 the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.196 dated 03.07.2023, registered under Sections 420/120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2021 at Police Station Civil Lines, Batala, District Gurdaspur, petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the amount alleged to have been paid admittedly was transferred to the account of Sonu Walia and even the security cheques as mentioned in the FIR were given by Sonu Walia only.

Notice of motion for 20.11.2023.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab. appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Investigating Officer. As and when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the conditions

enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. ”

2 Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kulwinder Singh has stated that pursuant to the order dated 19.09.2023 the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3 In view of above, the interim order dated 19.09.2023 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

4 This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

5 This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency, to investigate into the charges against the petitioner.

6 The petitioner shall be deemed to be in custody for the purpose of Section 27 of the Evidence Act, 1872 in regard to a discovery of facts made in pursuance of information supplied by the petitioner in case the occasion arises.

7 It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move this court for a direction under Section 439 (2) Cr.P.C. to arrest the accused, in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

8 Petition stands disposed off.

9 Needless to say that anything observed herein shall not be

construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

20.11.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No