

(214) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-58868-2022

Date of Decision:16.03.2023

Hira Chauhan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present : Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail in case having FIR No.155 dated 15.09.2022 registered under Sections 409, 420 IPC at Police Station Kamboj, District Amritsar (Rural).

The allegations in nutshell are that the petitioner and other employees of Food and Supply Department, Punjab embezzled 1850 quintal of wheat which was meant to be distributed to the different depot holders under '*Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Annya Yojna-6*' and National Food Security Act, 2013.

On the last date of hearing, detailed order was passed whereby the petitioner was granted interim bail with direction to join the investigation.

Today, learned counsel for the petitioner apprised the Court that in the light of the aforesaid order of interim bail, the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police.

The State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhwant Singh submits that indeed the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police and recovery of the embezzled wheat also stands effected and that the department has initiated departmental proceedings against the petitioner and other accused persons and

now the petitioner is not required by the police for any further investigation or custodial interrogation.

In the light of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 16.12.2022 is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

16.03.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No