

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.58370 of 2023
Date of decision: 7th December, 2023

Jagjit Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. R.S. Chauhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

None for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.75 dated 22.04.2022 under Sections 419, 420 IPC registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 20.11.2023, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation.

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a false and fabricated version has been planted upon the petitioner alleging that he has mis-used the cheques of other persons by signing the same in the name of the complainant, even though the cheques had never been issued to him.

On a pointed out query put to the learned counsel for the petitioner as to whether he is involved in any other

criminal case, he has categorically replied in the negative.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 20.11.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Bhupinder Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.
5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 20.11.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.
6. Learned State counsel submits that on the last date of hearing, inadvertently the status report pertaining to some other case had been filed.
7. The said status report be returned to the learned State counsel.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

December 7, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No