

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

CRM-M No.60881 of 2022

Date of decision: 28th February, 2023

Sandeep Jindal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Abhimanyu Kalsy, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanish Girdhar, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.0250 dated 25.11.2022 under Sections 406, 473, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana.

The petitioner had been granted the concession of interim bail in terms of the following observations made in order dated 26.12.2022:-

“As per the copy of the FIR, raid was conducted on the basis of a secret information that the petitioner (Sandeep Jindal) along with his co-accused Lalit Kumar, are indulging in illegal trade to sell vehicles by affixing fake number plates and by modifying the number plates. They have put a fake number plate PB-05-Q-9936 on Eighteen Wheels Trolly, Make Tata, whereas the real

number is PB-11-BN-8797 and they are going to sell the same, but at present the vehicle is parked at Bhagwan Dass (Container), Transport, Dhandari Goods Godown Road, Focal Point, Ludhiana. On the basis of the said secret information, FIR was registered and the counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner had purchased the said vehicle and payment was made through bank for a sum of Rs.1,30,000/- from Gurvinder Singh, resident of Ambala, who was the previous owner of the said vehicle. However, no document with regard to the purchase of the vehicle has been placed on record.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 05.01.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Rakesh Kumar, 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.

In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 05.01.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No