

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-2580-2024

Date of decision: 18.04.2024

Rajanveer Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Anshul Sharma, Advocate,
Mr. Nitin Mittoo, Advocate,
Mr. Rishav Kamboj, Advocate,
Mr. Abhinav Mahant, Advocate and
Ms. Pragti Kumari, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.256 dated 10.10.2022 for the offences under Sections 457, 380, 34 IPC (Section 411 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana.

2. On 18.01.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the 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 inter alia contends that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and has been falsely implicated in the case in hand for allegedly committing theft of dry fruits from a store on 09.10.2022. It has been submitted that false implication of the petitioner is further evident from the fact that he was not named in the FIR in question, but had been nominated as

an accused on the basis of a disclosure statement allegedly suffered by co-accused Jaswant Singh, who was Security Guard of the store in question.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 18.01.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Harbhajan 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 view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 18.01.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

18.04.2024		(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
Vinay		JUDGE
	Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
	Whether reportable	: Yes/No