



CRM-M-3625-2024

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

[205]**CRM-M-3625-2024****Date of decision: 02.09.2024**

HARSH GROVER

.....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Bazaz, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0002 dated 05.01.2024 under Sections 420 and 409 of the IPC (Sections 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the IPC added lateron) registered at Police Station Division No.5 Ludhiana.

2. Vide order dated 23.01.2024, the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner were recorded and, thereafter, vide order dated 21.05.2024, the petitioner was granted the concession of interim bail and asked him to join investigation.

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the FIR in question has been registered hastily without as much as a proper inquiry being carried out. It has been submitted that the petitioner joined as a Salary Clerk in the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and had only prepared one bill after following due procedure; he was not involved in the preparation of any bogus bills as had been alleged and neither did he sign any of the forged bills. He was just being made a scapegoat.”



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner, in compliance of order dated 21.05.2024, has joined the investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balvir Singh, has not disputed the submission made by the counsel opposite. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, present petition is allowed and interim order dated 21.05.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged in Section 438(2) Cr.PC./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Needless to add, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the same.

September 02, 2024
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No