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

**CRM-M-6758-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision : 04.04.2024**

Harjinder Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.33 dated 18.03.2023, under Sections 420 & 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with other co-accused duped the complainant of Rs.9,55,000/-.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police officer present in Court, submits that this Court granted interim bail to petitioner on 26.02.2024 and in terms thereof, he has already joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, at this stage.

5. Heard learned State counsel and perused the paper-book.
6. It is an admitted position that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court on 26.02.2024 and relevant part of the same is recapitulated as under:-

“Contends that there was no allegation against the petitioner in the initial complaint; however, subsequently, it is alleged that cash amount of Rs.20,000/- was paid to him. Also contends that there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel seeks time to have instructions regarding pendency of other criminal case(s) pending against the petitioner.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973..”

7. It is acknowledged by learned State counsel that in pursuance of above order, petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required at this stage.
8. In view of above, interim order dated 26.02.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
9. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

10. The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.

11. Disposed off accordingly.

12. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No