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4. During the course of hearing on 12.02.2024, following order was passed:

“2. It is, *inter alia*, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He contends that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR, the petitioner has intimated the complainant regarding the car being sold by its owners M/s Malhotra Motors Jalandhar and accordingly, the complainant had paid the amount directly to the owner of the vehicle.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that petitioner has not taken any amount nor the same is alleged to have been deposited in the account of the petitioner and no vehicle is in the possession of the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

4. Notice of motion, returnable for 06.03.2024.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Harpreet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

6. Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

7. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

5. Keeping in view the respective submissions made by learned

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State counsel and considering the fact that the petitioner had already joined the investigation and is no more required for further investigation nor he is required for any custodial interrogation, interim bail granted vide order dated 12.02.2024 is hereby confirmed subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Further, the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6. The petition stands allowed.
7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

15.03.2024
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- i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No
- ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No