



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.9415 of 2024
Date of decision: 16th May, 2024

Manjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Kulbir S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.148 dated 28.07.2023 for the offences under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120B of the IPC registered at Police Station Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 22.02.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by 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 only allegation leveled against the petitioner is of having helped in the preparation of fake ITI certificates, for which an amount of ₹ 2.60 lacs was also paid to the co-accused for providing the complainant with a job in the Electricity Department.



On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to whether the petitioner has any criminal antecedent, he has replied in the negative.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 22.02.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Tirlok 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 the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 22.02.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 16, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No