



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10706-2024

Date of decision: 23.05.2024

Maninder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Gursimran Singh Bhatia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate and
Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate
for the complainant.

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.0012 dated 01.02.2024 under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 511 and 34 of the IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. On the 29.02.2024, 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 for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner was merely a witness to the General Power of Attorney (GPA) which was executed between the co-accused and the complainant; he was not a beneficiary to the transaction in question. He attested all



the documents in good faith after verifying the Aadhaar Card of the alleged impersonator. Furthermore, it has been submitted that the accused was not a signatory to even the second document i.e. SPA which had been created pursuant to GPA allegedly transferring the complainant's property nor was he involved in forging any documents much less in possession of any such related documents. Learned counsel submits that in the circumstances, moreso since he has no criminal antecedents, his custodial interrogation would not be required.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 29.02.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sahib 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 29.02.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

23.05.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

: Yes/No

: Yes/No