

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.11257 of 2024
Date of decision: 24th April, 2024

Rajan @ Raju and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Abhishek Batta, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.517 dated 14.12.2023 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Ferozepur.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 04.03.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioners and asked them to join investigation.

“Learned counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, contends that a perusal of the FIR in question, which has been annexed as Annexure P-1, leaves no manner of doubt that it is essentially a dispute between co-accused Babaljeet Singh and the complainant with respect to rendition of some accounts between them. It has been submitted that both the complainant and said Babaljeet Singh were business partners. It has been further submitted that the petitioners are neither beneficiaries of

the forged dissolution deed nor the said forged document has been used/misused by the petitioners to cause any wrongful loss to the complainant much less any gains to themselves.

On a pointed query, learned counsel for the petitioners has informed the Court that the petitioners have clean antecedents and are not involved in any other criminal case. It has also been submitted that co-accused Babaljeet Singh and his wife, in whose name some money was allegedly transferred, has also been granted the concession of bail.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of the order dated 04.03.2024, the petitioners have joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baldev Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioners having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioners are not required for further investigation much less for their custodial interrogation.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 04.03.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioners misuse the concession of bail granted to them, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to them.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 24, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No