

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

CRM-M No.11411 of 2020

Date of decision: 14th February, 2024

Jagdish Kumar & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Tarnjot S. Sidana & Mr. Kanisk Sarup,
Advocates for the petitioners.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.14 dated 11.02.2020 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Tapa Mandi, District Barnala.

2. Vide order dated 11.10.2023, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioners and asked them to join investigation.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of the order dated 11.10.2023, the petitioners have joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Amandeep Singh, has informed the Court that the petitioners were previously involved in a similar case, however, the said case stood quashed by this Court on the basis of a compromise effected between the parties. On further instructions, he has informed the Court that there is no pending criminal case against the petitioners except the present one.

5. On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel as to whether the petitioners have complied with the order dated 11.10.2023, vide which they had been asked to join investigation, he, on instructions, has replied in the affirmative. On further instructions, he submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required.

6. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 11.10.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioners misuses 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

February 14, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No