

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

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2024:PHHC:039056
CRM-M-14238-2024
Date of decision: March 19th, 2024

Karan Chawla
.....Petitioner

Versus

Central Bureau of Investigation and another
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Surinder Mohan Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.RC-221/2022/E0015 dated 27.04.2022 under Sections 120-B read with Sections 420, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13 (2) read with Section 13 (1) (d) of the P.C. Act, 1988 registered at Police Station CBI, EO-III, New Delhi.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to appear and surrender before the trial Court and therefore, he be protected till then, with directions to the trial Court that his bail application, which he would be filing on his surrender, be decided expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Special Public Prosecutor, CBI, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

6. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the trial Court within a period of three days from today i.e. on or before 22.03.2024. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner. This shall, however, be subject to deposit of costs of ₹25,000/- with the District Legal Services Authority, S.A.S. Nagar.

7. It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to surrender before the trial Court within three days from today, this order shall be of no avail to him, thereafter. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves an application for bail before the trial Court, the same shall be decided expeditiously by the trial Court in accordance with law.

March 19th, 2024
Puneet

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No