



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-16035-2024

Date of decision: 22.08.2024

Ajmer Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. P.S. Bindra, Advocate and
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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.101 dated 12.04.2022 for the offences under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Amritsar.

2. On 03.04.2024, 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 inter alia contends that a perusal of the FIR in question reveals that neither the petitioner has been named therein nor any overt role attributed to him; it was only later on he has been falsely implicated as a conspirator to the crime in question. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner was not even a beneficiary of the transactions in question. On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to whether the petitioner has any criminal antecedents, he has replied in the negative.”



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3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, has submitted that there has been total non-compliance of order dated 03.04.2024. Learned State counsel has on further instructions submitted that during pendency of the instant petition, the petitioner has been booked in another criminal case i.e. FIR No.42 dated 11.05.2024 under Sections 302/120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Division No.3, District Ludhiana.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to dispute the instructions received by the learned State counsel qua the petitioner failing to join investigation despite being given ample opportunity including one last opportunity which was given on the previous date of hearing.

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

6. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove coupled with the involvement of the petitioner in another criminal case during pendency of the present petition, no ground is made out to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

7. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

22.08.2024

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No