

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21458-2024 (O&M)
Date of order: 25.07.2024

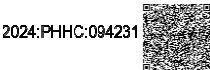
Gurinder Pal Singh
... Petitioner(s)
Versus
State of Punjab
...Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA
Present:- Mr. M.S. Bal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).
Mr. Sukhdev Singh, AAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
43	17.3.2022	Lopoke, District Amritsar	409 IPC read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

1. Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 CrPC is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in the FIR captioned above seeking regular bail.
2. At the outset, counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been arrested in another FIR, due to which he is not present in Court.
3. Given above, the direction to the petitioner to remain present in Court is recalled.
4. Vide order dated 23.05.2024, this Court considering the nature and veracity of allegations as well as the custody, granted interim bail to the petitioner primarily on the ground that the petitioner agreed to comply with the conditions mentioned in the said order.



5. Counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, undertakes to comply with condition no.13 of the interim order dated 23.05.2024 within 30 days of the release of the petitioner from the prison. On instructions, he further submits that they have complied with the conditions contained in the said interim order.
6. I have heard counsel for the parties and gone through the record.
7. The petitioner was granted interim protection on 23.5.2024. He along with his spouse has undertaken to declare their assets within 30 days from today with an undertaking that for declaring assets, they would not claim any incrimination or violation of their rights under Articles 20/21 of the Constitution of India, Indian Evidence Act, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita or any other law in force. Considering the nature of the allegations and his pre-trial custody, which is about 1½ year, which cannot be said to be less, his further pre-trial custody may not be justified in this case.
8. Given above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 23.5.2024, is made absolute subject to the condition that he shall comply with condition no.13 of the order dated 23.5.2024 within 30 days of his release from the prison. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

July 25, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No