

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21291-2024
Date of decision: 30.05.2024

SATWINDER SINGHPetitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Ravinder Pankaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C, the
petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under: -

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
0022	15.03.2024	406, 420 and 506 IPC	Maloud, Police District Khanna, Punjab

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 20.05.2024, the petitioner has joined the investigation.
3. During the course of hearing on 20.05.2024, following order had been passed: -

- 1 Short reply dated 20.05.2024 filed in the form of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Payal, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana, is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case on the basis of some

money transaction between the complainant and the petitioner regarding which an agreement/compromise was effected on 15.11.2022 and out of the settled amount of ₹1,70,000/-, the petitioner has already paid ₹70,000/-. He submits that the complainant has tried to convert the civil dispute into criminal one by lodging the instant FIR.

3. *Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhdeep Singh submits that the copy of the agreement is already on the police file and the same pertains to the period prior to the registration of the case on 15.03.2024. He has not controverted the fact that there is no mention about the purpose for which the amount was taken by the petitioner.*

4. *List on 30.05.2024.*

5. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”*

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhdeep Singh informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 20.05.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 20.05.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of

written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

- 6. The petition stands allowed.
- 7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

30.05.2024
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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No