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

**CRM-M-23479-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 18.03.2024**

Varunjot Bir Singh @ Bunny Hothi

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Gurdev Singh.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0060 dated 15.04.2023, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860; and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014; registered at Police Station Division No.7, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with other co-accused duped the complainant of Rs.8,15,000/- for sending him to Ukraine, but did not provide any work there.

3. None one has appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that this Court granted interim bail to petitioner on 08.11.2023 and in terms thereof, he has already joined the investigation and his custodial

interrogation is not required, at this stage. Also apprised the Court that petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

5. Heard learned State counsel and perused the paper-book.

6. Petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court on 08.11.2023 and relevant part of the order reads as under:-

“On request of learned State Counsel, posted for 08.01.2024.

Order dated 10.05.2023, passed by the Coordinate Bench, is modified to the extent that petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Notice to newly impleaded respondent No.2 be also issued for the date fixed.”

7. It is acknowledged by learned State counsel that in pursuance of above order, petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required at this stage. She has also apprised the Court that petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

8. In view of above, interim order dated 08.11.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

9. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

10. The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
11. Disposed off accordingly.
12. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

18.03.2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No