



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

CRM-M No.24261 of 2024

Date of decision: 21st August, 2024

Kulwant Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Atul Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0018 dated 11.04.2024 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station NRI, District Hoshiarpur.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 15.05.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by 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 for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner was neither a beneficiary of the alleged Will nor was a witness of any forged Will and he had merely taken co-accused Kamaljit Kaur to the office of the Tehsildar in good faith as there was an undertaking given in writing by her on the letterhead of Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat dated 31.10.2022 that her



husband-Daljinder Singh, father-in-law Shangara Singh, mother-in-law Gurbachan Kaur and son-Devan Singh had died while in USA. In support, learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to the aforesaid undertaking, which has been annexed as Annexure P-5. On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to whether the petitioner has any criminal antecedents, he has replied in the negative. It has been further submitted that the petitioner is willing to join investigation.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 15.05.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sohan Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 15.05.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./Section 482(2) BNSS. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 21, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No