



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

NAVJIT SINGH **...PETITIONER**

STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

Present: Mr. Amit Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).
Mr. J.S. Rattu, DAG, Punjab.
Ms. Deepa Negi, Advocate for
Mr. S.S. Swaich, Advocate for the complainant.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

4. On the asking of Court, learned State Counsel appearing on advance notice, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and on instructions from ASI Balbir Singh opposes the prayer for grant of bail.

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5. He indicates the aspersions in the story put forth by the complainant at the time of lodging the FIR as to the claim of Rs. 1 crore and 5 lakhs for which the deal was struck at and so far the complainant himself is unable to explain as to how he agreed for that amount and paid without showing the sources of that used amount available with him. In light of the aforesaid facts itself wherein allegations qua paying of Rs. 10 lakhs in cash to the petitioner on 25.02.2023 lacks any evidence whatsoever.

6. Keeping in view the stand taken by learned State Counsel, this Court is left with no option but to doubt the prosecution story as there are many loop holes in the story of the prosecution as well as the complaint lodged by the complainant who himself has so far failed to show the source of used amount while dealing in cash, as major part of it as has been averred in the complaint itself is on his behalf.

7. In view of the above, the petitioner is therefore, not required for custodial interrogation after hearing the statements made by counsel for the parties and this Court finds no reason to deny the petitioner the concession of bail if the petitioner has bona fide intentions and is willing to join the investigation and cooperate for furtherance of the same so that the final report can be submitted by the Investigating Agency in time.

8. Hence, in view of the admitted set of circumstances before this Court, the petitioner is directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation and reporting to the Investigating



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Officer concerned within a period of one week from today, on furnishing of personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

9. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stands cancelled.

10. The petition in the aforesaid terms stands disposed off.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

30.05.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No