



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

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CRM-M-29216-2024

Date of decision: 23.07.2024

Baldev Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. G.S. Jagpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajan Singh Dadwal, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.37 dated 06.05.2024 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana Rural.

2. On 03.06.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, a Coordinate Bench of 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 is only an attesting witness of the Will of the deceased. He is not a beneficiary of the said Will, dated 13.04.2023 which was subsequently registered on 10.01.2024 by the Sub-Registrar, Rajkot (Annexure P-2). The said Will is alleged to be forged as per the version



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of the complainant, however, as per the report of the Hand-writing and Finger Prints Expert, dated 08.05.2024 (Annexure P-3), the disputed signatures on the said Will of executant Navjot Singh matched with the standard signatures.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 03.06.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, 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 view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 03.06.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No