



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

CRM-M-29640-2024

Date of decision: 28.08.2024

ANAND KUMAR

...PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Ms. Sunita Gupta, Advocate for
Ms. Shivya Sehgal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
217	17.10.2023	420, 465, 468, 471 of IPC	Machhiwara, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 02.08.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 02.08.2024.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions received from ASI Pawan Singh, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial investigation.



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4. During the course of hearing on 02.08.2024, following order was passed:

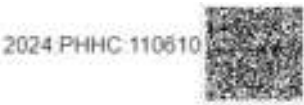
“As per the status report filed today, the only role attributed to the petitioner is that his name has surfaced in the disclosure statement of co-accused Prince Kumar to the effect that the petitioner had misused his I.D. in his absence by issuing 15 SIM cards.

Without commenting on the merits of the case at this stage, 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.

List on 28.08.2024.”

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 02.08.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 02.08.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. 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.



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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.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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