



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

211-3

CRM-M-31418-2024

Date of decision: 25.11.2024

Moninder Pal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr.Keerat Dhillon, Advocate, with
Mr. P. S. Ahluwalia, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
assisted by Jatinder Singh, DSP, VB Unit, Kapurthala.

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.09 dated 22.05.2024 under Sections 420, 406, 409, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 13(1)(A) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Jalandhar, Punjab.

2. Vide order dated 10.09.2024, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail and asked to join the investigation.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated that the petitioner was not a public servant but a salaried employee of M/s Builder Engineer Private Limited, a company entrusted with the Jang-E-Azadi Memorial Project. No specific allegation has been attributed to the petitioner in the alleged offences. It is further submitted that the

CEO & Chairman of the Executive Committee of the foundation have

already been granted interim protection by this Court vide order dated 31.05.2024. Moreover, in compliance of order dated 10.09.2024 of the Co-ordinate Bench, 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. However, learned State counsel submits that since a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted, the petitioners be directed to join the investigation in case summoned by the SIT.

6. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and interim order dated 10.09.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the BNSS. In case and whenever, petitioner is called for joining the investigation by the Special Investigation Team, he will join the investigation and co-operate with the Special Investigation Team.

25.11.2024
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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