



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

CRM-M No.32851 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24th October, 2024

Gopal Angra

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Akash Sheoran, Advocate for the petitioner.

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

Mr. K.S. Dadwal, 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.168 dated 28.07.2023 under Sections 420, 120-B of the IPC (Section 420 of the IPC wrongly mentioned as Section 406 of the IPC in the dismissal order of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur) registered at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 25.07.2024, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation on the basis of following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on 12.07.2024:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that it is a case resting on documentary evidence and a perusal of the allegations reveal that primarily it is a civil dispute between the parties which for reasons but obvious has been twisted to give a criminal complexion.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 25.07.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurnek 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 25.07.2024 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

October 24, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No