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

CRM-M-39200-2023

Date of Decision: 22.04.2024

Bhupinder Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant of pre-arrest bail to him in case FIR No.67 dated 02.06.2023 registered under Sections 406, 420 & 120-B of IPC, at Police Station Sadar, District Patiala.

2. Vide order dated 10.08.2023, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation and it was ordered that in the event of his arrest, he would be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, the case was adjourned to 21.11.2023. However, the petitioner had not joined the investigation and had also not deposited a sum of Rs.1.5 lakhs, as per his own undertaking before this Court. Still further, number of opportunities have been granted to the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and to join the investigation.

3. Today, during the course of hearing, learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Gagandeep Singh, has informed the Court that the petitioner has not joined the investigation, despite granting repeated opportunities by this Court.
4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner is not in a position to controvert the said submissions made by learned State counsel.
5. In view of the above, the petitioner is not entitled to the discretionary relief of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. and the petition is accordingly, ordered to be dismissed.

22.04.2024.
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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