



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

CRM-M No.40033 of 2024
Date of decision: 9th December, 2024

Anju Chaudhary & another
... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking the concession of bail under Section 482 BNSS in case FIR No.0182 dated 24.08.2023 for the offences under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.
2. On 20.08.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioners and asked them to join investigation.

“Learned counsel inter alia contends that a perusal of the FIR in question leaves no manner of doubt that a dispute, which is essentially of civil nature, has been twisted by the complainant and given a criminal complexion. It has

also been submitted that the petitioners have no criminal antecedents.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of the order dated 20.08.2024, the petitioners have joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Subhash Chand, does not dispute the factum of the petitioners having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioners are not required for further investigation much less for their custodial interrogation.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 20.08.2024 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 petitioners misuse the concession of bail granted to them, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to them.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

December 9, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No