



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-39797-2024

Date of decision: 26.11.2024

Pratap Chand Joshi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Rahil Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Trishanjali Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Munish Behl, Advocate, for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) in case FIR No.417 dated 22.07.2023 under Sections 406, 420, 506, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Mahesh Nagar, District Ambala.

2. On the last date of hearing, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the only role attributed to the petitioner is of having introduced the complainant to his employer. It has been further submitted that a perusal of the FIR leaves no manner of doubt that it is essentially a civil dispute between the parties, which for reasons but obvious, is being given a criminal complexion.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 14.08.2024, 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.
5. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and interim order dated 14.08.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C/482(2) BNSS.

26.11.2024.
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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