



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.41196 of 2024
Date of decision: 18th December, 2024

Jatinder Singh
... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 482 BNSS in case FIR No.47 dated 03.07.2024 for the offences under Sections 420, 34 of the IPC registered at Police Station Kotli Surat Mallian, District Gurdaspur.
2. On 23.08.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by 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 inter alia contends that a perusal of the FIR, which has been annexed as Annexure P-1, reveals that the petitioner has not been named therein, nor any suspicion raised qua his involvement in the crime in question; the petitioner came to be nominated as an accused on the basis of a disclosure statement allegedly

suffered by co-accused Sitar Masih, who claimed that fake gold pledged by him with the complainant was procured from the petitioner. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner, who is an agriculturist, has clean antecedents and is in no way dealing with the sale and purchase of gold.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 23.08.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Amarjit 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 23.08.2024 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 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

December 18, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No