

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-43094-2023
Date of decision: 04.01.2024

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Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
0081	27.07.2023	419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC and Section 82 of Registration Act, 1908.	Maur, Bathinda, District Bathinda (Punjab).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 31.08.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined in the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order 31.08.2023.

3. Learned State counsel intimates that the petitioner had joined the investigation in the case on 09.12.2023 and is no more required for any custodial investigation in this case nor he is required for further investigation.

4. During the course of hearing on 31.08.2023, following order was passed:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was only the attesting witness of the Power of Attorney and he was not even named in the FIR and later on his name was nominated during the inquiry conducted by the police officials. He further submitted that the petitioner is not the beneficiary of any transaction.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State and prays for some time to seek instructions and to file affidavit in the present case.

On his request, adjourned to 18.12.2023.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and to co-operate fully with the investigation process and on his doing so, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

5. Keeping in view the respective submissions made by learned State counsel and considering the fact that the petitioner had already joined the investigation and is no more required for further investigation nor he is required for any custodial interrogation, interim bail granted vide order dated 31.08.2023 is hereby confirmed in the present FIR No.0081, dated 27.07.2023 under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC and Section 82 of Registration Act, 1908 (Annexure P-1), subject to conditions

as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Further, the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6. The petition stands allowed.
7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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- i) Whether speaking/reasoned?

Yes/No
- ii) Whether reportable?

Yes/No