

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.46978 of 2023

Date of decision: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024

Piyush Bardhan

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Judgepreet S. Warring, 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 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0055 dated 28.06.2023 under Sections 120-B, 380, 419, 447 of the IPC registered at Police Station Dhakoli, District SAS Nagar.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 30.01.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by learned State counsel, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation.

*“Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Mewa Singh, has not disputed the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner that he was a retired Assistant General Manager of the Bank and it was three and a half years thereafter the FIR In question was registered against*

*him even though on an earlier occasion qua the same occurrence, he had been found innocent by the police. It has also not been disputed that the vacant possession of the house in question had been taken in the presence of the police officials.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 30.01.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Mewa Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency, however, he submits that recovery of few household articles, which had been stolen, is yet to be affected. 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 30.01.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. 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

May 2, 2024  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |