

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.56304 of 2023

Date of decision: 16th April, 2024

Manvinder Singh Punia & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Kanwal Goyal & Ms. Sheena Dahiya,
Advocates for the petitioners.

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 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.109 dated 02.05.2023 for the offences under Sections 420, 447, 511, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 05.01.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by learned State counsel, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioners and asked them to join investigation.

“In compliance of order dated 08.11.2023, learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Gurpreet Singh, PPS, DSP Sub Division City-II, District Bathinda today in the Court, which is taken on record

subject to all just exceptions and a copy thereof supplied to learned counsel opposite.

Learned State counsel, while drawing the attention of this Court to para No.9 of the affidavit, on instructions from ASI Ajay Pal Singh, has conceded that FIR No.325 dated 16.11.2023 under Sections 465, 467, 471 IPC has indeed been registered against the complainant at Police Station Civil Lines District Bathinda.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of the order dated 05.01.2024, the petitioners have joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jagdev Singh, 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 05.01.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. 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

April 16, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No