

**210 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

Neutral Citation No. **2024:PHHC:033265**  
**CRM-M-61933-2023**

**Date of Decision: March 07, 2024**

**Lakhwinder Singh**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

**Present:-** Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

**DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)**

Latest status report has been filed.

On 15.12.2023, the following order was passed by this

Court:-

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.223 dated 10.11.2022 registered under Sections 420, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

Status report dated 15.12.2023 by way of an affidavit of Shri Satvinder Singh Virk, PPS, DSP Jagraon District Ludhiana (Rural) has been filed on behalf of respondent- State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention towards the status report which would reveal that 3500 USA Dollar were allegedly purchased by complainant for ₹2,65,000/- and handed over to the petitioner. Learned counsel contends that this is only a oral assertion and that there was never any communication between the petitioner and the complainant.

Learned State counsel could not refute the aforesaid contentions to the effect that in the investigation conducted so far it has not emerged that petitioner had any communication with the complainant or had made any representation to him.

In view of aforesaid circumstances, it is directed that in the event of arrest of the petitioner he shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating

Officer. However, it is subject to the condition that petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Adjourned to 07.03.2024 for filing latest status report after joining the investigation by the petitioner.”

2. Today, on instructions from ASI Harpal Singh, learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 15.12.2023 and is no longer required for further investigation.

3. In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 15.12.2023, whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.

Disposed of.

**March 07, 2024**

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)**

**JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No