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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.64154 of 2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.01.2024

Hardev Singh

..... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present:

Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate and
Mr. Karan Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, A.A.G., Punjab.

Anoop Chitkara, J. (Oral)

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
25	26.09.2023	Vigilance Bureau Range Ferozepur, District Ferozepur	409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and 13(1)(a) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

1. The petitioner apprehending arrest in the FIR captioned above, had come up before this Court under Section 438 CrPC seeking anticipatory bail by filing the present petition.
2. Vide order dated 04.01.2024, the petitioner was granted interim bail, which is continuing till date.
3. Petitioner’s counsel submits that they have voluntarily complied with the order dated 04.01.2024.
4. Counsel for the State does not dispute the above said contention, but opposes the bail and seeks further investigation of the petitioner.
5. The petitioner was granted interim protection, and in the interregnum, there is no allegation that he had intimidated the witnesses or that he had hampered the investigation, or despite being called to join the investigation, he did not appear before the investigator. Given the nature of allegations, amount involved and the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, there would be no justification to discontinue the interim protection, and the same is made absolute subject to the petitioner complying with the terms of the bail order.
6. The petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer or any Superior Officer; and shall cooperate with the investigation at all further stages as required. In the event of failure to do so, it will be open for the prosecution to seek cancellation of the bail. It is clarified that whenever the investigation occurs within the police premises, the

petitioner shall not be called before 8 AM, let off before 6 PM, and shall not be subjected to third-degree, indecent language, inhuman treatment, etc.

7. Given above, petition is allowed and interim order dated 04.01.2024 is made absolute. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

19th January, 2024

Sonia Puri
Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE