



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

**CRM-M-53415-2024 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 07.07.2025**

Ranjit

...Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Haryana

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

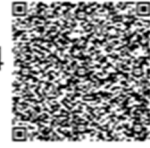
Present:- Mr. Mangesh Goel, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Sheoran, DAG, Haryana for the respondent.

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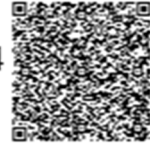
**MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.**

Second petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (*for short 'Cr.P.C.'*) for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.40 dated 24.01.2023 (P-1), under Sections 406, 420, 120-B, 506, 467, 468 & 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (*for short 'IPC'*), registered at Police Station City, District Karnal.



- (2) Allegations are that petitioner in connivance with other co-accused forged & fabricated several documents; duped the *de facto* complainant to the tune of lakhs of rupees and also criminally intimidated him with dire consequences.
- (3) Learned Counsel for the petitioner has supplied photocopy of an affidavit, duly sworn in and attested on 03.04.2025 and which is taken on record as Mark 'X'. Copy thereof supplied to learned State Counsel.
- (4) Contends that matter has been amicably settled between the parties i.e. petitioner as well as *de facto* complainant. Also contends that petitioner was granted interim protection by the Coordinate Bench, vide order dated 13.12.2024 and in pursuance thereof, he has already joined the investigation; hence, his custodial interrogation is not required.
- (5) The above factual position is not disputed by learned State Counsel, on instructions from the quarte concerned.
- (6) Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.
- (7) It transpires that petitioner was granted interim protection by the Coordinate Bench, vide order dated 13.12.2024 and the same reads as under:-

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the co-accused Amit has been ordered to be released on interim bail vide order dated 25.01.2024 passed in CRM-M-2952-2024. He further submits that final report against the said co-accused has also been submitted. Learned counsel submits*



*that under the circumstances, the present petition which is the second petition for the grant of anticipatory bail would be duly maintainable. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is willing to join investigation and abide by any condition imposed by this Court.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Ms. Mayuri Lakhanpal Kalia, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.*

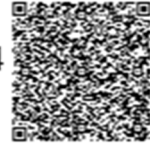
*List on 31.01.2025.*

*In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to compliance of the provisions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”*

(8) It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. Apart that, perusal of the affidavit dated 03.04.2025 clearly reveals that matter has been amicably settled between the parties i.e. petitioner & *de facto* complainant.

(9) In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 13.12.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(10) It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.



(11) However, it is clarified that in case the affidavit is found to be incorrect, then this Court would be constrained to recall this order and petitioner shall face the legal consequences.

(12) The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

(13) It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

7<sup>th</sup> July, 2025  
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( MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU )  
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>