

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

CRM-M No. 6865 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.04.2016

Manpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Kanwar Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of accused/petitioner-Manpreet Singh in case FIR No. 78, dated 06.11.2015, for offences punishable under Sections 399, 402, Indian Penal Code, Sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act and Sections 18, 22 and 61 of N.D.P.S. Act, registered at Police Station Phul, District Bathinda.

On a secret information that certain named non-applicants co-accused were making preparation for committing a dacoity at an ATM/Petrol Pump, a *Naaka* was set up and non-applicants/co-accused Sandeep Singh and Chamkaur Singh were apprehended at the spot, while other are alleged to have fled away from the scene. From the apprehended co-accused-Sandeep Singh, . 315 bore country made pistol alongwith live cartridges and narcotics were recovered.

It was contended that neither the petitioner was named in the FIR nor was apprehended at the spot nor is involved in any other criminal case. It was also submitted that petitioner has been nominated as an accused on the statement of SI/SHO Jai Singh. However, at the time of lodging of the FIR he was not named.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 26.02.2016, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and fully cooperated.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Kanwar Singh, admits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and no recovery is to be effected from him and also, he is involved in another case of similar nature in 2009. He further states that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted to the petitioner by this Court's order dated 26.02.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

April 05, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**