

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

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**CRM-M-22555-2017
DATE OF DECISION:07.09.2017**

NAVJEET SINGH ALIAS RAJU

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Maninder Arora, Advocate for
Mr. V.P. Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.54 dated 11.06.2017, under Sections 13-A, 3, 67 of Gambling Act and under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The FIR was registered on the basis of secret information received by the police that Rajinder Singh and Gurpreet Rai are doing the work of *satta* (gambling) near the Market Committee. They were calling the people to stake one rupee on a specific number and if that number comes, nine rupees will be given, otherwise, the one rupee will be forfeited.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the co-accused have already been released on bail by the Trial Court and moreover, the petitioner is not named in the FIR.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 23.06.2017, had directed the petitioner to join the investigation and he was to be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ranjit Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the order dated 23.06.2017 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

07.09.2017

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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes / No
Whether reportable :	Yes / No