

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

**Crl. Misc. No.M-22605 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: August 22, 2017**

Rakesh Gupta

.....PETITIONER(s).

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...RESPONDENT(s).

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER GUPTA

Present: Mr. Rakesh Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Senior D.A.G. Punjab.

SURINDER GUPTA, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 99 dated 06.05.2017 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 3 and 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 at Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran.

Heard.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh submits that petitioner has joined the investigation which is still in progress. The police is verifying the facts as mentioned in the complaint by examining certain documents. The custodial interrogation of petitioner is no more required for the purpose of further investigation.

In view of submission of learned State counsel but without

expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the order dated 23.06.2017 is made absolute till the presentation of challan, subject to the following terms:-

- (i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by the police as and when required;
- (ii) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the accusation against him so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- (iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court.
- (iv) that the petitioner will seek regular bail on the presentation of challan in Court.

August 22, 2017
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(SURINDER GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: ***Yes/No***

Whether Reportable: ***Yes/No***