

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

**CRM NO. M-26056 OF 2017(O&M)
DECIDED ON : 25.08.2017**

Rampal

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Ms. Sudha, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.128 dated 26.11.2015 under Section 406 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR against the petitioner, who is a partner of a firm namely M/s Sanman Rice Mills, are that he had misappropriated paddy worth ₹2,18,13,019/- which was supplied to the firm during the year 2008-09. He further contends that this very dispute pertaining to the afore-noted paddy for the year 2008-09, was also subject matter of the arbitration. The Arbitrator had made an Award against the petitioner's firm for an amount of ₹2,16,15,716/- for the paddy for the year 2008-09.

The Award was challenged by the petitioner firm in FAO No. 3837

of 2015 and a co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 10.01.2017, had set-aside the Award.

This Court, vide order dated 11.08.2017, had directed the petitioner to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kuldeep Singh, states that in pursuance to the order dated 11.08.2017, the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the order dated 11.08.2017, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, is hereby made absolute. However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

AUGUST 25, 2017

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
2. Whether reportable : YES/NO