

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

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**CRM-M-30645-2017
DATE OF DECISION:25.09.2017**

HARBHAJAN SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Pawan Attri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikramjit Singh, Addl.A.G., Haryana

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.384 dated 18.07.2017, under Section 3 of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the SC/ST Act), registered at Police Station Pehowa, District Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations in the FIR do not, prima facie, constitute an offence under the SC/ST Act.

This Court, by the order dated 21.08.2017, 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, upon instructions from HC Sushil Kumar, 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 21.08.2017 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.

25.09.2017

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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

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