

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

**CRM NO. M-41290 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 12.12.2017**

Vijay Kumar Chopra

...Petitioner

versus

The State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. G. B. S. Gill Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.193 dated 10.09.2017 under Sections 420 IPC (Sections 467/468/471 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Kotwali Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations against the petitioner in the FIR, who is a retired Class-III employee, are that he had submitted bogus medical bill for an amount of ₹38,510/-. He further contends that as the doctor who had issued the bill, did not verify the same, at the asking of the department, he had deposited the said amount with the department in the year 2016. He further contends that the FIR has been lodged after a year thereafter.

This Court, by the orders dated 03.11.2017 and 01.12.2017, 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, upon instructions from HC Kashmir Singh, states that in pursuance to the orders passed by this Court, 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 orders dated 03.11.2017 and 01.12.2017, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, are 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

DECEMBER 12, 2017

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