

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

CRM No. M-6691 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 01.05.2017.

Harbans Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jitendra Chauhan

Present : Mr. Lalit Pathak, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG, Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN.J.(ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 the Cr.P.C seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 870 dated 02.11.2016 registered under Section 135 of Electricity Act, 2003 at Police Station Anti Power Theft, Patiala.

On 08.03.2017 this Court had passed the following order:-

“Contends that the petitioner is entitled to draw free energy under the scheme of the Punjab Govt., launched for the agricultural purposes. The show cause notice whereby a demand of Rs.1,74,068/- has been raised against the petitioner has been assailed by the petitioner vide Annexure P-2 which is pending adjudication before the competent Court at Nabha.

Adjourned to 01.05.2017.

The petitioner is directed to join the investigation.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the petitioner by the Arresting Officer, he shall be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:-

1. That he shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;
2. That he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer and;
3. That he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.”

It is contended that in pursuance of the order dated 08.03.2017, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

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

In view of above, the order dated 08.03.2017 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to furnishing of bail-bonds/surety bonds by the petitioner to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition stands allowed.

01.05.2017.
SN

(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

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