

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

Sr. No.207

CRM-M No.729 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.02.2017

Ashwinder Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. AGS Dhillon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Yadav, AAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Through the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.178 dated 12.06.2016, registered under Sections 420/120-B IPC, at Police Station Tripuri, District Patiala.

Vide order dated 13.01.2017, while issuing notice of motion, this Court had ordered that in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on ad-interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer.

Seeking anticipatory bail for the petitioner, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that main accused Lachmi Devi @ Simmi has been granted bail by the trial Court; there is no other criminal case pending against him and that as per interim order passed by this Court, he has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the above factual position and on instructions from ASI Jatinder Pal Singh further states that

the petitioner at this stage is no longer needed by the investigating agency.

In the view of the above, the petition is allowed and order dated 13.01.2017 granting ad-interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute subject to the conditions as prescribed under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Nothing observed herein above shall be considered to be an expression of opinion by this Court on the merits of the case.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

February 28, 2017

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- (i) Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No*
- (ii) Whether reportable Yes/No*