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

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Date of Decision:21.09.2018

Baljinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.05 dated 09.04.2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Bathinda, under Sections 7 and 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

The allegation against the present petitioner, who was posted as Junior Engineer is that he had demanded bribe from the complainant. As

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per the prosecution version, the present petitioner had taken ₹2,000/- as bribe from the complainant and also asked him to give ₹2,000/- as bribe at the time of releasing the material of tubewell connection.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 10.05.2018 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation. He is not required for custodial interrogation. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending him to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 10.05.2018, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

21.09.2018

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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