

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

**CRM-M-31371-2018
Date of decision: 15.10.2018**

Karaj Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 51 dated 05.07.2018, registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station Ghuman Kalan, District Gurdaspur, Punjab.

The operative part of the order dated 26.07.2018, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per FIR, the alleged amount was handed over in January, 2017, whereas the FIR is registered after about one and half years. It is further submitted that there is no receipt of the amount allegedly given by the complainant. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that on account of ongoing panchayat elections, where the petitioner intends to contest the election, present FIR has been registered to debar him. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that in order to prove his bonafide, the petitioner is ready to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- with the Illaqa Magistrate, without prejudice to his

right of defence during the course of trial.**Notice of motion for 15.10.2018.”**

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 26.07.2018, the petitioner has deposited an amount of Rs.50,000/- with the Illaqa Magistrate, vide challan receipt dated 08.08.2018. Copy of the said receipt is placed on record.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Balkar Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 26.07.2018, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

October 15, 2018*Waseem Ansari***(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE***Whether speaking/reasoned**Yes/No**Whether reportable**Yes/No*