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

**CRM-M-35390-2017
Date of Decision: 30.01.2018**

Kuldeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for anticipatory bail filed on behalf of the petitioner.

[2]. It has been highlighted by Ld. Counsel for the petitioner that the FIR itself was lodged almost 2½ years after the complainant's son was allegedly taken by the petitioner on the pretext of doing some labour work in his house. It is further contended that throughout this period, there is no record of the complainant having made any effort to have the whereabouts of his son located. Further submission on behalf of the petitioner is that he has been motivatedly framed by his political opponents in the area to settle political scores, and that consequently he ought to be granted the benefit of bail.

[3]. Perused Case Diary; There is certain incriminating material against the petitioner. At the stage of investigation, it is inconsequential whether such material is admissible in evidence during the trial. In the

opinion of this Court, the available material is sufficient enough to enable the Investigating Authorities to pursue their investigation further and for that purpose custodial interrogation of the petitioner would appear to be called for.

[4]. For the above reasons, this Court finds no ground to grant benefit of anticipatory bail to the petitioner at this stage.

[5]. Dismissed.

30.01.2018

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No