IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-38913-2018

Date of Decision:11.10.2018

Harmeet Singh **.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab **.....Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present: **Ms. Sumati Jund, Advocate,**
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, D.A.G., Punjab.

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HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.138 dated 07.06.2018 under Section 379 IPC and Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, registered at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana.

As per FIR on 07.06.2018, when the police-party was on patrolling and was checking suspicious persons at Satowal, a secret information was received that the petitioner who was habitual of stealing sand from Satluj river was trying to load sand in tippers and trollies after excavating it from Satluj river by use of boat at Chuharwal Tak. Accordingly, raid was conducted.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is working as a Manager and he has falsely been implicated in this case.

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Nothing is recovered from his possession.

Learned State Counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Sh. Pawanjit, PPS, ACP (East), Ludhiana, on behalf of the respondent-State in Court today, which is taken on record.

In the reply, details mentioned therein suggest that as many as 13 FIRs have been registered against the petitioner. He has been acquitted only in FIR No.196 dated 27.10.2015 under Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act and Section 379 IPC, registered at Police Station Meharban, Ludhiana, whereas in three cases i.e. FIR No.139 dated 01.12.2012, FIR No.80 dated 17.06.2014 and FIR No.01 dated 03.01.2015 under Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act and Section 379 IPC, registered at Police Station Meharban, Ludhiana, respectively, petitioner was convicted, whereas other cases are pending trial.

In view of the fact that various cases are registered against the petitioner, this Court does not find any merit in the present petition. No ground to grant anticipatory bail is made out.

Dismissed.

October 11, 2018 **(HARI PAL VERMA)**
seema **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No

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