

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

**CRM NO. M-39308 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 15.05.2018**

Sukhdev Singh

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Amrinderjit Singh Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.155 dated 04.09.2017 under Sections 419/467/471/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that while getting the release of vehicle Mahindra Maximo (Chotta Hathi), Malkiat Singh @ Bago had impersonated as Lubhya Masih. Lubhya Masih was not present in India at that time and the vehicle which was registered in his name was got released. He further contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had furnished surety for the release of the vehicle and there is no allegation that proper and genuine surety was not furnished. He also contends that co-accused Nirmal Singh, who had identified the petitioner at the time of furnishing surety, has been granted anticipatory bail by the trial Court.

This Court, by the order dated 13.10.2017, had directed the petitioner to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Som Lal, states that in pursuance to the order dated 13.10.2017, the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the order dated 13.10.2017, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, is hereby made absolute. However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
2. Whether reportable : YES/NO