

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

CRM-M-911-2019

Date of decision:15.05.2019

Ravinder Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of FIR No.119 dated 26.05.2018 under Sections 379, 427 & 511 of the Indian Penal Code, Police Station, Tanda, District Hoshiarpur.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Kuljinder Singh, Manager Punjab Gramin Bank, who stated that on 25.5.2018, he went home after finishing his duty at 5:00 p.m. Later at 2:15 a.m. in the night Amitdeep Kumar informed that some unknown person had tried to commit a theft by breaking grills of the Bank, but could not succeed. It is alleged that upon checking CCTV footage it was found that three persons with muffled faces had attempted to break the locks by cutting the grills with the help of a cutter.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he is neither

named in the FIR nor is identified in the alleged CCTV footage and is sought to be implicated solely on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused namely Jagat Singh.

4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since the co-accused specifically named in the disclosure statement of co-accused, no case for grant of anticipatory bail is made out.
5. Having considered rival contentions addressed before this Court and while noticing that the accused has been nominated on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused, the veracity and admissibility of which is yet to be tested, in my opinion, it is a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail. Accordingly the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued vide order dated 11.01.2019 by this Court are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner would appear before Investigating Officer as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.
6. It is, however, clarified that none of the observations made above shall be construed to be an expression on merits of the main case.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

15.05.2019
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Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**