

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

CRM-M-3192 of 2019

Date of decision: 18.03.2019

Jaspinder Singh

..Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. J.S. Maanipur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.(ORAL)

By filing the present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has sought anticipatory bail in FIR No.0196, dated 21.12.2018, under Sections 406/420 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Shri Muktsar Sahib, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

The FIR lodged against the petitioner on the ground that shortage of 4488 wheat bags was found in the godown which was under the charge of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is only a technical assistant and it is not part of his duty to maintain the stocks. He further submits that the petitioner was not associated at the time of the verification of the stock.

Vide order dated 31.01.2019, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail and directed to join investigation.

On instructions from ASI, Rajinder Singh, learned State counsel states that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed. The order dated 31.01.2019 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

March 18, 2019
Poonam Sharma

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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