

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-4490-2019

Date of Decision: 09.04.2019

GURINDER SINGH @ GURI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.L.S. Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.376 dated 04.09.2018, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' - for short) and Section 13 of the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had taken a sum of ₹36 lacs on the pretext of sending the complainant abroad. He, however, contends that the complainant is a plumber by profession and has no means to pay the aforementioned amount and only paid a sum of ₹1,10,000/- to co-accused Ranjit Singh.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 13.02.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Surinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the order dated 13.02.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 09, 2019

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