

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

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CRM-M-6372-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 06.05.2019

VIKRAMJIT SHARMA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ranjan Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0159 dated 28.12.2018, under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station City Budhlada, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner who is a labour contractor are that he had taken a sum of Rs.13 lakh in cash from the complainant who is a factory owner for providing labour. He, however, contends that the complainant had stopped the workers from working in the factory and the petitioner had also filed a complaint in this regard on 06.10.2018, copy of which is annexed as Annexure P-2. The pending dues, which were to be paid by the complainant, had not been paid to the workers. He, therefore, contends that it is, primarily, a civil dispute between the parties and the petitioner has been falsely implicated.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 11.02.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the

investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-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 Ram, states that the petitioner has joined investigation but the money is yet to be recovered from the petitioner.

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 11.02.2019 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.

06.05.2019

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No