

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

**CRM-M No. 10319 of 2019
Date of decision: 08.05.2019**

Kamal Chand

...Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Ashok Paul Batra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0005 dated 12.01.2019, under Sections 379, 186, 353, 332, 201, 427, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code besides Sections 29, 32 and 33 of the Indian Forest Act and Section 19 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that he along with others had cut one tree. He further contends that the FIR is counter-blast to the complaint made by the petitioner and other villagers against a Forest Officer, who tried to outrage the modesty of a woman. He was not involved in any other case.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 25.03.2019, 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, upon instructions from HC Rohit Meelu, states that petitioner has joined the investigation and he 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 25.03.2019 granting *ad 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 accordingly.

08.05.2019

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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes

Whether reportable? No