

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

**CRM-M-25655-2018
Date of decision: 14.02.2019**

Manpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Khunger, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 132 dated 09.05.2018, registered under Sections 409, 201 and 120-B of the IPC at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

The operative part of the order dated 12.06.2018, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the Block Primary Education Officer, Sidhwan Bet-I had issued a certificate (Annexure P-5) that the petitioner was assigned the duty of Parvesh Block Coordinatory/B.M.T. Parho Punjab Paraho, Punjab and was not assigned the duty of any financial work. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that on a representation given by the petitioner, the Director Public Instructions (E.E.), Punjab, vide letter dated 14.05.2018, has ordered inquiry to be conducted from some senior officer and Deputy Director (Estt.) is appointed as Enquiry Officer regarding the allegations against the petitioner. Notice of motion for 25.07.2018.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 12.06.2018, has already appeared before the

SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Kumar, has not disputed the factual position and submits that some bills/documents, which were sent to Accountant General, Punjab for verification, are still pending and the petitioner will be required for further investigation after receiving the report from the office of Accountant General, Punjab.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 12.06.2018, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

On receiving the verification report from the office of Accountant General, Punjab, if the petitioner is required for further investigation, he will join the investigation as and when required by the investigating officer on having been served with a written notice in this regard.

February 14, 2019

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No