

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

**CRM-M-44312-2018
Date of decision:11.01.2019**

Rajiv Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Manik Makkar, Advocate for
Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of FIR No.144 dated 11.09.2018 under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 Police Station Sadar Nabha, District Patiala.
2. The allegations in nut-shell are to the effect that 24 batteries had been stolen by some unknown persons from an Airtel Tower.
3. Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Punjab Singh has submitted that stolen batteries were recovered and that although the petitioner was not named in the FIR but was implicated pursuant to the disclosure statement made by Manpreet Singh. It has further been submitted by learned State counsel that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the aforestated position and keeping in view the nature of allegations, I find it to be a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail. Accordingly the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued vide dated 08.10.2018 by this Court are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner would appear before Investigating Officer as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.
5. The petition is accepted in the above mentioned terms.
6. It is, however, clarified that none of the observations made above shall be taken to be an expression on merits of the main case.

11.01.2019
Gaurav Sorot

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No