

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-22546-2019 (O & M)

Date of Decision: 10.07.2019

GURPAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Dinesh Trehan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sudipti Sharma, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 22 dated 06.03.2019 under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Hathur, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR, which has been lodged by the brother of the petitioner, are that he had wrongly mentioned his date of birth while joining the Indian Army on 20.02.1985 and had used the birth certificate of the complainant while obtaining the job. Learned counsel also contends that the petitioner has retired after serving the Indian Army for 17 years and for the last four years, he is also drawing pension. The allegations in the FIR are politically motivated, as both the brothers are active members of rival political parties.

This Court, by the order dated 17.05.2019, 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 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 Mohan Lal, 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 17.05.2019 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

July 10, 2019

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