

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-22906-2019 (O & M)

Date of Decision: 22.07.2019

GURPAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

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

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior 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, 1860; besides Sections 29, 32 and 33 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Section 19 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 registered at Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that the co-accused had cut a tree and were carrying log-wood on their shoulders. He also contends that the instant FIR is a 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. The petitioner is not involved in any other case. He further contends that co-accused, namely, Kamal Chand has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court by order dated 08.05.2019 passed in CRM-M No. 10319 of 2019.

This Court, by the order dated 20.05.2019, 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 Sanjeev Kumar, 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 20.05.2019 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 22, 2019

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