

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-51417-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-15.2.2019

Kanwaljeet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Rakhi Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.0141 dated 21.7.2018 at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar (Rural) under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code and Section 21 of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation), Act, 1957.

As many as nine accused were booked on the allegations that they had excavated soil from the village pond of Gram Panchayat Chawinda Kalan and had sold the same, the worth of which was ₹52,30,900/-.

The learned State counsel, upon instruction from ASI Jatinder Singh, who is present in Court has informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has already joined investigation. It is also not in dispute that the remaining eight accused have already been granted anticipatory bail.

In view of the aforesaid position and in order to maintain parity, the present petition is allowed and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 22.11.2018 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation 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.

The present petition stands accepted accordingly.

15.2.2019

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Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No

(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge