

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

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**CRM-M-54418-2018 (O & M)
DATE OF DECISION:16.01.2019**

Satnam Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Mehakpreet Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep S. Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.1869 dated 01.11.2018, under Sections 135 and 138 of Electricity Act, 2003, registered at Police Station Anti Power Theft, Verka, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that allegations in the FIR do not prima facie constitute an offence under the Electricity Act.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 10.12.2018, had directed the petitioner to join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Narinder Singh Anti Power Theft, Verka, District Amritsar states that the petitioner has joined the 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 the investigation, the order dated 10.12.2018 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.

16.01.2019
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No