

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-35518-2019 (O & M)
Date of Decision: October 04, 2019

SUDARSHAN KUMAR JAGGA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Prateek Sodhi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.124 dated 09.08.2019, under Sections 353,186,427,506 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Malout, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the allegations in the FIR are that the petitioner had an altercation with Assistant Program Officer (under MGNREGA Scheme) and had torn the official record. He, however, contends that the petitioner is a retired Lecturer and is a social activist. He was associated with the workers under MGNREGA Scheme and has been working for the protection of their interest. He had earlier preferred an RTI application against the BDPO who is the complainant in the instant case and a fine of Rs.3,000/- and Rs.5,000/- was imposed upon BDPO for not providing information sought by the petitioner. The FIR is a counter blast to the complaint filed by the petitioner and work done by the petitioner in highlighting transparency in allocation and distribution of the MGNREGA funds.

This Court, by the order dated 29.08.2019, 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 Tejinder Singh, 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 the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 29.08.2019 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

October 04, 2019

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