

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-50065-2018 (O & M)

Date of Decision: 18.07.2019

SURINDER PAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. N. S. Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Randeep Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.168 dated 29.08.2017, under Sections 420, 406 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' - for short), registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Batala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR is outcome of a civil dispute between the partners. The petitioner and the complainant were earlier having regular business dealings. There is a delay of five years in lodging the FIR.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 03.12.2018, 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.

On the last date of hearing, learned counsel for the State had stated that the petitioner is not cooperating in the investigation and, therefore, the petitioner was directed to again appear before the Investigating Officer and render all possible cooperation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balwinder 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 keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the order dated 03.12.2018 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 18, 2019

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