

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

**CRM-M-12263-2020
Date of decision: 13.07.2020**

Manjinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. H.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 85 dated 18.08.2011 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 379, 473 IPC, P.S. Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

The operative part of the order dated 13.05.2020, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the brother of the petitioner namely Gurjinder Singh was named in the FIR. It is his contention that on presentation of challan dated 11.02.2020 against the other co-accused, he apprehends arrest on account of the fact that his identity card was found with his brother.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab accepts notice and also submits that it is on the above said account that the petitioner is sought to be apprehended.

Keeping in view the fact that a period of almost 9 years has expired since the lodging of the FIR and there were no specific allegations in the FIR against the

petitioner at the first instance, the petitioner is entitled for interim anticipatory bail at this point of time.

Adjourned to 13.07.2020.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 13.05.2020, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on telephonic instructions from the Investigating Officer, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 13.05.2020, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

13.07.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No