

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13275-2020

Date of decision: 29.05.2020

Sukhwant Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

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

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Sukhwant Singh has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer to grant him anticipatory bail in case FIR No.28 dated 17.04.2020 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 354, 323, 148, 149 & 188 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Mehna, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that co-accused Kulwinder Singh @ Kinda and one other person, have filed CRM-M-12685-2020 and this Court vide order dated 21.05.2020, has allowed the petition and granted them anticipatory bail. He submits that the petitioner is also ready to join the investigation. Learned counsel also submits that in view of the COVID situation, petitioner's detention may be dangerous to their life.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances, the present petition is **allowed**. It is ordered in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to their furnishing personal bonds/surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation on 08.06.2020 at the first instance and as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to join the investigation, the present order shall stand withdrawn automatically.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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