

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-13802-2020 (O & M)

Date of Decision: August 10, 2020

GURNAM SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.J. S. Jaidka, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.48 dated 18.05.2020, under Sections 427 and 436 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' - for short), registered at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that the petitioner had set on fire wheat stubble in his land abutting the godown of the complainant which led to the burning of godown causing huge loss of approximately ₹40 lacs as scrap was stored in the godown by the complainant. He also contends that the petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the agricultural land which abuts the godown as he is neither the owner nor in possession of the same.

This Court, by the order dated 10.06.2020, 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, upon instructions from ASI Ranjit 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 10.06.2020 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

August 10, 2020

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