

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

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CRM-M-14062-2020

Date of decision : 12.10.2020.

Harpal Singh @ Bittu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, 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. 124 dated 27.07.2019, under Sections 420, 120-B and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 besides Section 13 of the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, (Sections 467, 468 and 471 IPC were added later on), registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 05.06.2020 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 counsel for the petitioner contends that in terms of order dated 05.06.2020, the petitioner has joined investigation.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Kewal Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the petitioner having joined investigation and the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 05.06.2020 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

October 12, 2020

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