

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

201-A

CRM-M-15003-2020 (O & M)

Date of Decision: July 15, 2020

NISHAN SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Amarinder Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.14 dated 12.02.2020, under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' - for short), registered at Police Station City Raikot, District Ludhiana Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and had been arraigned as an accused later on. There is no allegation that any money was paid to the petitioner and he is only accused of having facilitated the main accused in duping the complainant. Co-accused Hardeep Singh @ Happy who was named in the FIR has been granted anticipatory bail by the coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-12028 of 2020 on 20.05.2020 and co-accused Malkiat Singh @ Laddu has also been granted ad interim bail in CRM-M-12638 of 2020 on 21.05.2020.

This Court, by the order dated 12.06.2020, 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 Nazar 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, Covid 19 Pandemic and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 12.06.2020 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

July 15, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No