

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-17745-2020

Date of decision August 13, 2020

ASHWANI KUMAR @ TONI
Versus

.....Petitioner

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.S.S. Deol, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the complainant.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 121, dated 25.06.2020 under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station CityGurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

It is submitted that the deceased was an employee of the petitioner, who has unnecessarily been involved in this matter. It is further contended that a bare perusal of the FIR reflects that it is debateable, whether rigours of Section 306 IPC are attracted in this matter. Moreover, the petitioner, who is not involved in any other criminal case is stated to have joined investigation pursuant to order dated 07.07.2020. He undertakes to extend complete co-operation to the investigation. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI KanwaljitSingh, verifies that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is

not required.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts, if afforded anticipatory bail.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition. Consequently, order dated 07.07.2020 is made absolute.

August 13, 2020
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No