

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-17839 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Order: 17.07.2020

Vikramjit Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is second application for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in a criminal case arising from FIR No.01, dated 02.01.2019, registered under Sections 457/380 IPC at Police Station Mehta, District Amritsar.

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution has been noticed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, in paragraph 2 of the order, which is extracted as under:-

“2. Briefly, as per FIR registered at the instance of Navjit Singh, Security Incharge of mobile towers, who has deposed that on 21.12.2018 he alongwith his friend was on the way to check the towers and when at about 1.00 am (midnight), he alongwith his staff reached at a tower situated at Buttar Sivia he noticed in the light of his vehicle that two persons were standing near the door of the tower who were loading Batteries in a vehicle. He

has specifically named applicants Malak Singh and Vicky as those persons who were loading the batteries from the tower location in their vehicle alongwith 5-6 other persons. On seeing the light of the vehicle of complainant, those persons fled away from the spot. After inspection of the spot it was noticed that the accused took away 24 batteries from the said tower after breaking open the lock and succeeded in fleeing away in their vehicle.”

First application for grant of pre-arrest bail was dismissed as withdrawn as the petitioner did not come forward to join investigation, although, granted opportunity.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Udham Singh, Police Station Mehta, Amritsar, has pointed out that the petitioner is a habitual offender, involved in as many as 14 such cases.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

July 17, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No