

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

CRM-M-18841-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.07.2020

Ravi Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks concession of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.74, dated 05.04.2020, under Sections 147/148/149/186/188/269/270/271/332/353 IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (Section 333 IPC was added later on vide order dated 14.05.2020), registered at Police Station Kalan Wali, District Sirsa.

FIR has been registered on the allegations that on 05.04.2020, a number of boys/girls were violating the lock down conditions imposed by the State on account of Covid-19 situation. A police party having reached the spot and having made an attempt to persuade the gathering to disperse the present petitioner along with others assaulted the police party.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that no specific injury/role has been attributed to the present petitioner. That apart, Gurjit Singh and Sukhwant Singh, co-accused who were arrested on the spot have been granted benefit of bail.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of pre-arrest bail.

In the first instance, petitioner is alleged to have behaved in an irresponsible manner as regards not complying with the State Government guidelines relating to Covid-19 Pandemic. That apart, the incident is stated to be of 05.04.2020. Petitioner submitted a bail application in the Court below only on 17.06.2020 and which stands declined on 20.06.2020. In other words, petitioner has chosen to stay away from the investigation process for a period in excess of 2 months. His conduct dis-entitles him from the concession of anticipatory bail.

At this stage, counsel makes a statement that he is not pressing for the relief of anticipatory bail and the petitioner would be ready and willing to surrender. He, however, prays for indulgence of this Court that in case post-surrender, an application for bail is filed, directions be issued for the bail application to be decided on the same very day.

In view of the submission advanced by counsel, instant petition is disposed of as not pressed.

It is, however, directed that in case the petitioner surrenders within a period of 2 days from today and thereafter files an application for bail, the competent Court would make an endeavor to expedite disposal of the same and in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

16.07.2020

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |