

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

CRM-M-20549-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 31.07.2020

Keshav Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. J.S. Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hitten Nehra, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.135 dated 06.07.2020 registered under Section 381 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, at Police Station Sahnewal, Ludhiana.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner at the relevant time was employed with M/s Skyway Steel Industry, Village Jugiana, District Ludhiana on weigh-bridge (Kanda). The petitioner alongwith co-accused namely Javed Mohammad were found to have loaded 1300 Kg rounded iron rods in addition to what was to be supplied to the consignee. Allegations are that the petitioner alongwith co-accused syphoned off the aforesaid iron.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated because he demanded salary for the period he worked

during lockdown.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has submitted that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Javed Mohammad was arrested and he has suffered a disclosure statement on 07.07.2020 regarding the theft of 1300 Kg rounded iron rods.

Keeping in view the facts of the case and without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court is not inclined to grant concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

31.07.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No