

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

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**CRM-M-21495-2020
Decided on : 13.10.2020**

Harjinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. AG, Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through
video conferencing, as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioner in the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.71 dated 02.03.2018 under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Khanna, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

On 10.08.2020 the following order was passed :-

“Counsel relies upon judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in *Puran Singh vs. Ajit Singh and others, 1984 (2) RCR (Crl.) 532* to satisfy the query of the Court which was raised on 04.08.2020. It is submitted that initially, the petitioner was granted interim protection on 16.03.2018 (Annexure P-2) by the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, which was thereafter dismissed on 11.07.2018 (Annexure P-3). It is submitted that the dispute arises out of some arrears of money which have to be collected on account of a committee and the petitioner has been falsely implicated on the ground that he could manufacture counterfeit currency notes. The delay in approaching this Court is on account of the fact that he has been told by the Investigating Officer that an inquiry was going on. It is submitted that the petitioner came to know when P.O.

proceedings as such have been initiated by the Trial Court.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Adjourned to 13.10.2020.

In the meantime, it is directed that the petitioner shall join investigation on 25.08.2020 at 10.00 a.m. and in the event of arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on ad-interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the investigation officer. The petitioner shall join investigation as and when required and shall comply with the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined investigation, which fact is vouched by counsel for the State on instructions received from ASI Sukhwinder Singh. Counsel for the State also points out that there is no other case of similar nature pending against the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above the present petition is allowed by confirming the interim order dated 10.08.2020.

OCTOBER 13, 2020
Naveen

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No