

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

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IN VIRTUAL COURT

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**CRM-M No. 25383 of 2020
Date of decision : 1.9.2020**

Gurpreet Singh @ Gora

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 32 dated 17.6.2020, registered under Sections 379, 411, 420, 473 and 120B IPC, at Police Station Arif Ke, District Ferozepur.

It is contended by the counsel for the petitioner that the case against the petitioner is baseless. No specific allegations have been levelled against the petitioner. Only a general allegation is there that the petitioner along with his co-accused indulged in changing the number plates of the stolen cars and selling the same in the market. However, the petitioner has never indulged in any such activities. It is further submitted that even the Court below had granted anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, the petitioner could not join the investigation because of the prevalent COVID-19 pandemic. The petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. APS Gill, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

It is submitted by the counsel for the State, being instructed by ASI Gurnam Singh, that the name of the petitioner is specifically mentioned in the FIR. However, it is not disputed that the role of the petitioner is not specifically mentioned in the FIR. It is also not disputed that the petitioner was granted anticipatory bail by the Court below itself, however, he could not join the investigation.

In view of the above, but without commenting any further on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail. Therefore, it is directed that in case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/ surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/ Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

1.9.2020

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Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Reportable	:	Yes/No