

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

**CRM-M-37669-2019**

**Date of Decision: 21.01.2020**

**Anil Kumar Singla**

**.. Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**..Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Vipul Joshi, Advocate for  
Mr. Preetinder Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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**Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)**

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.204 dated 16.08.2019 under Sections 272, 273 and 420 IPC, 1860 (Section 307 IPC was added later on), registered at Police Station City Rajpura. He has apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 06.09.2019 whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of adulterated cheese was effected from Kulwant Singh and Hardial Singh who are employees of the petitioner. According to him, it is seriously debatable as to whether the Police has the jurisdiction to take cognizance in said offence. He submits that it is not a case where the said food article was being sold by the*

*petitioner or anyone and therefore, no offence under Section 420 IPC would be made out.*

*Notice of motion for 21.01.2020.*

*Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by ASI Bhadur Ram does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel on instructions from ASI Bhadur further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 06.09.2019 is made absolute.

21.01.2020  
*Jasmine Kaur*

**(MANOJ BAJAJ)**  
**JUDGE**