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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44009-2019
Date of decision-24.02.2020

Jagjit Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

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

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.290 dated 03.11.2018 under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the allegations in the FIR, shortage of 4902 bags of wheat were noticed on 22.02.2018 in relation to 3 godowns of FCI. He has further invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 17.10.2019 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 relies upon the order dated 23.5.2019 (Annexure P-3).

Notice of motion for 24.2.2020.

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 Surubjit Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he 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 17.10.2019 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

24.02.2020

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	Whether Reportable :	Yes	No