

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

**CRM-M No.51332 of 2019
Date of Decision: 02.03.2020**

Kashmir SinghPetitioner
Vs
State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr. Ashok Paul Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing
FIR No.11 dated 07.06.2018 registered under Sections 7, 13(2)
of the Prevention of Corruption Act at Police Station Vigilance
Bureau, Bathinda.

On 10.12.2019, following order was passed:-

*“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail
to the petitioner in FIR No. 11 dated 07.06.2018 registered under
Sections 7, 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act at Police
Station Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda, District Bathinda.*

*Counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the
allegations in the FIR, one ASI Gurmail Singh, demanded illegal
gratification from the complainant – Ranjit Singh to settle a
complaint and had taken Rs.500/- for giving the same to the
present petitioner. Counsel for the petitioner has further argued
that ASI Gurmail Singh has already been granted the concession*

of anticipatory bail vide order dated 13.11.2018 passed in CRM-M No.28589 of 2018, noticing the fact that the voice sample of ASI Gurmail Singh has already been taken and there is a conversation between the complainant – Ranjit Singh and ASI Gurmail Singh regarding demand of the bribe. It is further submitted that subsequently during the investigation, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda Range, Bathinda vide letter dated 23.01.2019 has recommended to the Inspector General of Police, Punjab that the petitioner – HC Kashmir Singh is innocent, however, the report was not approved. Counsel for the petitioner has thus, argued that it will be a matter of trial whether the involvement of the petitioner is proved or not.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from Inspector Sohan Singh, has not disputed the fact about the grant of anticipatory bail to ASI Gurmail Singh as well as the report of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda Range, Bathinda and the Inspector General of Police, Punjab.

List again on 02.03.2020.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within a period of 10 days to join investigation and he shall be released on interim bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. He shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;*
- 2. He shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer; and*
- 3. He shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in

compliance of the aforesaid order, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

This fact has not been disputed by learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Sohan Singh.

In view of above interim order dated 10.12.2019 is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands disposed of.

02.03.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No