

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

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CRM-M-261-2020

Date of decision : 01.12.2021

Sonu Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Manoj Tanwar, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.174 dated 16.09.2019, under Sections 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that primarily the allegations are against co-accused Inderpreet Singh, who is stated to have taken money for sending the sons of the complainants abroad. The petitioner himself had not received any money. Similarly situated co-accused, namely, Harish Kumar has been granted ad interim bail by the Coordinate Bench in [CRM-M-52316-2019](#) on 09.12.2019.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 08.01.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to

the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 08.01.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

December 01, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No