

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

**CRM-M-1980-2020
DECIDED ON: 3rd AUGUST, 2021**

LOVE

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Gopal Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

[1] The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

[2] This is a petition for grant of anticipatory bail in F.I.R. No. 252, dated 24.07.2019, under Sections 201, 379, 411, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 413 and 414 of IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was added later on), registered at Police Station Murthal, District Sonapat, Haryana.

[3] On 24th July, 2019, the police had received a secret information that Dr. Navneet @ Sonu alongwith his other companions after purchasing stolen luxurious cars, used to prepare forged registration certificates and used to sell the same in Punjab, Haryana and UP. The investigation was carried out. The name of the petitioner surfaced in a disclosure statement. The role attributed to the petitioner was that he was

actively involved in selling the stolen cars.

[4] On 17.01.2020, notice of motion was issued and interim bail order was passed in terms of CRM-M-47531-2019.

[5] The petitioner was to join the investigation within two week. On 2nd March, 2020, this Court was informed by the State counsel that the petitioner has not joined the investigation. There was a request made on behalf of counsel for petitioner and the matter was adjourned for 27th April, 2020. Another opportunity was granted to the petitioner to join the investigation on 7th March, 2020 at 11.00 AM.

[6] On the last date of hearing none appeared on behalf of the petitioner. Learned State counsel specifically, on instructions submitted that in spite of issuing notice to the petitioner, he has not joined the investigation.

[7] Today, Mr. Gopal Sharma, Advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner underwent heart surgeries in first half of 2020 and he could not join the investigation. He further submits that afterwards due to COVID-19 situation, he was not able to join the investigation.

[8] The conduct of the petitioner is evident from the fact that for more than one and half year, the petitioner after getting an interim protection neither joined the investigation nor made any request for extending the time for joining investigation. There is only bald statement that after surgeries petitioner could not join the investigation due to COVID-19 situation.

[9] From the facts mentioned above, it is evident that petitioner is

avoiding and delaying the investigation. The interim protection granted to

the petitioner vide order dated 17th January,2020 is vacated.

[11] No case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail.

[12] Dismissed.

3rd AUGUST, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>