

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

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CRM-M-8268-2021

Date of decision : 23.03.2021.

Baryam Singh @ Waryam Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gaurav Partap Singh Pathania, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 0012 dated 01.02.2021, under Sections 170, 465 and 473 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Shahpur Kandi, District Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of almost two years in registering the FIR wherein it is alleged that the petitioner had signed and put the stamp of the Sarpanch for organizing a cattle fair in 2019 although his term had expired in December, 2018. He also contends that the petitioner is 67 years of age and has been implicated due to political rivalry with the complainant.

This Court, by order dated 22.02.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the 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 Kuldip 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 22.02.2021 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

March 23, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No