

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

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CRM-M-7330-2020

Date of Decision: 02.07.2021

Jagroop Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Sadhu Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.23 dated 01.02.2020 at Police Station Sahnewal, District Ludhiana, under Section 457/380 IPC.
2. The allegations in nutshell are that some heavy articles, which had been unloaded at the factory premises of the complainant, were found missing and upon checking CCTV cameras installed at the factory premises, it was found that on the night intervening 24/25.01.2020, Jagroop Singh and 2-3 unknown persons had stolen the hammer pillar from the premises after breaking the locks of the main gate.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the instant case and that there is no CCTV

footage showing the presence of the petitioner in the premises in question.

4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since the hammer pillar had been recovered from the possession of the petitioner, his complicity in the occurrence is clearly evident. Learned State counsel has, however, informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation. Learned State counsel has further informed that the petitioner is not seen in CCTV footage and that he is not wanted in any other case.
5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case particularly that the article in question already stands recovered and while also noticing that the petitioner has already joined investigation and is not wanted in any other case, the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 19.02.2020 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

02.07.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**
Whether reportable: **Yes/No**