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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-8251-2020
Date of Decision: 07.09.2021

Balwinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Sandeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for anticipatory bail filed on behalf of the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.1474 dated 17.11.2019, under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, registered at Police Station Anti Power Theft, Ludhiana.

[2]. The petitioner was earlier granted interim anticipatory bail by the Ld. Additional Sessions Judge, Moga, subject to depositing 50% of the amount claimed by the Electricity Board, for the purpose of joining investigation. He originally failed to comply with the condition, on account of which, the interim protection granted to him was withdrawn by the Ld. Court below vide its order passed on 30.01.2020 (Annexure P-9).

[3]. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner as well as the State are *ad idem* that subsequently the petitioner has already deposited the requisite amount on 08.07.2020.

[4]. Ld. State Counsel further submits that in such circumstances,

the petitioner's custodial interrogation is not required.

[5]. Consequently, the present petition is disposed off by granting the relief of anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, he shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

07.09.2021

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
2. Whether reportable: Yes/No