

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11743-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 27.04.2021

HARKRISHAN SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. PKS Phoolka, 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 FIR No. 0178 dated 03.08.2019, under Sections 379 and 411 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that three co-accused were apprehended at the police 'nakka' and two stolen motorcycles were recovered from them. It is alleged that the petitioner had run away from the spot. He, however, contends that the prosecution version is highly improbable as it would not be possible for the petitioner to have run away in the presence of several police officials. The petitioner is 21 year of age.

This Court, by the order dated 15.03.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was 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.

Reply filed by the learned State counsel through email is taken on record. Learned State counsel, while referring to the reply contends that the petitioner is also involved in two other cases of theft of motorcycles. He, upon instructions from HC Jaskaran Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined the investigation but he is not disclosing the *modus operandi*.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had been implicated in two other cases and he is on bail in those cases.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is 21 year of age, Covid-19 pandemic and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 15.03.2021 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

27.04.2021

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