

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

**CRM-M-12353-2020
Date of decision: 08.09.2021**

Ravinder Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

(Through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 83 dated 12.03.2020, registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station Muktsar, District Muktsar Sahib.

The operative part of the order dated 14.05.2020, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of complainant Nahar Singh, it is stated that in anticipation of general assembly elections of the State of Punjab, which were to be held in the year 2017, the petitioner represented the complainant that he can arrange him a ticket of Congress Party to contest the election for MLA from Balluana (a reserved Constituency).

Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is neither an office bearer nor was in a position to procure a party ticket for the complainant. It is further submitted that as per the allegations in the FIR, the complainant is a

retired accountant and he was looking after the work of the petitioner and when the petitioner asked for some details of the money spent, the present FIR has been registered, much after a delay of about four years on the basis of some report prepared by the DSP(D).

Notice of motion for 13.08.2020.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 14.05.2020, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Lakhwinder Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above and considering the fact that petitioner is on interim bail for the last about one and a half year and he has not misused the same, the present petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 14.05.2020, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

08.09.2021

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No