

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

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CRM-M-17124-2021

Date of decision : 14.07.2021.

Resham Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Rakhi Sharma, 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. 16 dated 22.01.2021, under Sections 380 and 457 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' - for short), registered at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that theft of a tractor, a buffalo and a bull belonging to the complainant had taken place. She, however, contends that there is a delay of eleven days in registering the FIR. Co-accused, namely, Laddi has been arrested and the tractor has been recovered from him. The petitioner is not involved in any other case. She further contends that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Sarabjeet Singh @ Sabbu has been granted *ad interim* bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M No. 16623 of 2021.

This Court, by order dated 23.04.2021 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 Angrej, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but recovery of animals is yet to be effected.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 16.04.2021 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

July 14, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No