

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

209-2

**CRM-M-17297-2021
Date of Decision:12.08.2021**

KULDEEP SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

On 23.04.2021, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 584 dated 08.03.2019, registered under Section 135 of Electricity Act, 2003, registered at Police Station Anti Power Theft, Verka, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1).

Counsel for the petitioner contends that by virtue of order dated 25.03.2021 (Annexure P-2), the petitioner was granted the concession of interim bail on the condition that he will deposit 50% of the penalty imposed in each of the two cases. However, inadvertently, he has deposited the entire amount in one electricity account with the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited instead of separate accounts and even this fact could not be brought to the notice of the Sessions Court, which resulted in the dismissal of his bail application, vide order dated 02.04.2021 (Annexure P- 4).

Notice of motion for 12.08.2021.

On asking of the Court, Mr. A.S.Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. ”

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Narinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 23.04.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

12.08.2021
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JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No