

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-17804-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: November 09, 2021

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....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 44 dated 17.03.2021, under Section 21 (1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, registered at Police Station Model Town, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that three tractor-trolleys had been apprehended for illegal mining and the drivers thereof are stated to have fled from the spot. The petitioner had earlier preferred an application for anticipatory bail before the Sessions Court wherein a statement on behalf of the police was made that the petitioner is not required in the case. Later on, the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of owner of a tractor that he had given the tractor on rent to the petitioner. The petitioner is a migrant labourer and permanent resident of Bihar.

He is not involved in any other case.

This Court, by the order dated 16.09.2021, 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, on instructions from ASI Ram Lal, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 16.09.2021 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

November 09, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No