

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

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CRM-M-14578-2020

Date of decision : 25.11.2021.

Dinesh Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kanwar Satbir Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karambir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Amit Jhanji, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Himmat Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.55 dated 22.02.2020, under Sections 420, 408 IPC, registered at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar Mohali.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that the complainant after going through the account books had found shortfall of cash amounting to ₹55,00,000/-. He, however, contends that the petitioner is only employed as a Store Keeper drawing salary of ₹15,000/- per month and it was not a part of his duty to collect cash. He has been falsely implicated in the matter.

Learned Senior counsel for the complainant contends that the petitioner in connivance with other employees had played a role in embezzlement and, therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

This Court, by order dated 10.06.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join 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 Satnam Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 10.06.2020 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 25, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No