

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

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CRM M 20159 of 2021
Date of decision: 20.05.2021

Paramjit Singh alias Punna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajbir Sehrawat

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In virtual Court

Present: Ms Satwant Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner

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Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0017 dated 26.01.2019 registered under Section 379-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Chhatiwind, District Amritsar Rural.

It is submitted by counsel for the petitioner that case against the petitioner is totally concocted. The name of the petitioner has been sought to be involved merely on the disclosure statement of the alleged co-accused, who was arrested by the police, from whom, allegedly, some recovery is shown to have been made. However, the petitioner does not have any connection either with that co-accused or the incident in question. Even during the investigation conducted so far, the police have not been able to collect any material so as to connect the petitioner either to the crime or the

alleged arrested co-accused. It is further submitted that there is no other case against the petitioner. The petitioner shall join the investigation. Hence, the petitioner deserves to be protected against his arrest.

Notice of motion.

Mr. H S Multani, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Counsel for the State, being instructed by SI Harvinder Kaur, submits that the petitioner is involved in the heinous crime of snatching from the innocent citizens and recovery of the snatched amount is yet to be made. Therefore, the petitioner does not deserve any concession of anticipatory bail. However, it is not disputed by counsel that except disclosure statement of the co-accused, nothing has come in investigation conducted so far connecting the petitioner either to the crime or to the arrested co-accused. It is also not disputed that there is no other case against the petitioner.

In view of the above submissions, but without commenting upon merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail. Therefore, it is directed that in case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bounds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions, as provided under section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(Rajbir Sehrawat)
Judge

20.05.2021

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No