

**207/2 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-22222-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: September 06, 2021

Naveen Goyal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate
for the complainant.
(through video conferencing).

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.51 dated 2.5.2021 under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Longowal, District Sangrur.

Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and his name surfaced later on during the investigation. Learned senior counsel further submits that since the investigation regarding the co-accused has been completed, the petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

Learned State counsel, assisted by counsel for the complainant, though has raised an objection that there are serious allegations against the petitioner, however, on the basis of the SIT report, has not disputed that the investigation conducted so far by the police is approved by the Director, Bureau of Investigation, therefore, this petition is allowed, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

However, it will be open for the Investigation Officer to summon the petitioner to join the investigation by giving a notice in writing.

The petition stands disposed of.

September 06, 2021
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(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No