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

CRM-M-22485-2021

Date of decision-16.07.2021

AKASHDEEP SINGH ALIAS KASHI**...Petitioner****Vs.****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Vishva Bahl, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0346 dated 23.10.2020 under Sections 379 & 411 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station P.S. Jhabhal, District Taran Taran. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 08.06.2021, whereby while issuing notice of motion to respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Case has been heard through video conferencing on account of COVID-19 Pandemic.

This is a first petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.346 dated 23.10.2020 registered under Sections 379 and 411 of Indian Penal Code at PS Jhabhal, District Tarn Taran.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that FIR in this case was registered against the petitioner and other two persons namely Jagdeep Singh alias Deepu

and Ravinder Singh alias Arwinder Singh alias Ravi on the basis of secret information. Pursuant to the same, Jagdeep Singh @ Deepu was arrested by the police along with one stolen motorcycle and during the interrogation, he disclosed that he had stolen the said motorcycle with the help of his co-accused Ravinder Singh @ Arwinder Singh @ Ravi.

Counsel for the petitioner further contends that aforesaid Ravinder Singh @ Arwinder Singh @ Ravi has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 18.12.2020.

Notice of motion.

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

In view of above, in case of arrest, the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail by the investigating officer to his own satisfaction till the next date of hearing. The petitioner shall join the investigation with the police well in time before the next date of hearing and should cooperate with the investigating officer and also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

To come up on 16.7.2021.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by SI Anokh Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 08.06.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

16.07.2021

Vipin kumar

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