

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(214-1)

CRM-M-22516-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: - 04.10.2021

Vikram Sahota @ Vicky Sahota @ Bikram  
Versus

...Petitioner

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Gors, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab for respondent No.1.

Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)**

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to  
Covid-19 pandemic.

While granting interim protection to the petitioner, this Court  
passed the following order on 08.06.2021:-

*“The hearing of the case was held through  
video conferencing on account of restricted functioning  
of the Courts.*

*The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest  
bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.119, dated  
18.05.2021, registered under Section 380/447/34 IPC,  
at Police Station Jodhewal, Ludhiana.*

*As per the case of the prosecution, the first  
informant Satinder Pal Singh is a tenant in a shop which  
was previously owned by Sh. Jagmohan Singh. He  
claims that he entered into an agreement with Sh.  
Jagmohan Singh to purchase the shop. However, before*

*the deal could be finalized, Sh. Jagmohan Singh died. The first informant claims that due to the spread of Covid-19 resulting in lock-down, he closed his shop but subsequently discovered that the articles lying in the shop have been stolen by the petitioner and the possession of the shop has been given to someone else.*

*Learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that his daughter has purchased the shop in question on 11.09.2020 through a registered sale deed and in fact, the first informant had already abandoned the possession of the shop. He further draws the attention of the Court to an order passed in CRM-M-21621 of 2021 (Pardeep Kumar @ Kaka vs. State of Punjab).*

*Notice of motion.*

*On the request of this Court, Mr. H.S.Grewal, Addl.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate, enters appearance on behalf of the first informant.*

*Adjourned to 12.08.2021.*

*After having heard the arguments, this Bench is prima-facie of the view that the petitioner deserves to be granted interim protection.*

*Hence, let the petitioner join the investigation.*

*In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, 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. ”*

Learned State counsel, upon instructions, from ASI, Jasvir Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation. He, however, submits that the petitioner is involved in a FIR registered against him for offence under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Counsel appearing for the complainant submits that there is a compromise between the parties and he does not have any objection in case the interim order is confirmed.

In view of the above facts, but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 08.06.2021 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

**(SUVIR SEHGAL)**  
**JUDGE**

04.10.2021  
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| Whether Speaking/Reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |