

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

CRM-M-23662-2021

DECIDED ON: 12th JULY, 2021

RAMINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. H.S.Batth Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition is filed for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.07 dated 30.12.2020, registered under Sections 409, 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Sections 7 and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, E.O. Wing, District Ludhiana.

This Court vide order dated 21st June, 2021 granted the interim bail subject to joining investigation. The order is reproduced below:-

“Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.07 dated 30.12.2020, registered under Sections 409, 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Sections 7 and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, E.O. Wing, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner being the employee of Food and Supplies Department, Punjab, had been deputed to verify the actual facts on the site, post the raid conducted by the Vigilance Department, Punjab on 30.03.2017 on the premises of M/s B.R. Rajan and Company. He further submits that the petitioner, after having complied with the Department's order, submitted a report dated 10.04.2017.

Learned counsel further submits that the only allegation against the petitioner is that he had given the report in connivance with M/s B.R. Rajan and Company so as to negate the raid conducted by the Vigilance Department. He further submits that nothing is to be recovered from the petitioner as all the records and the documents are available with the police and moreover, the FIR has been registered after a delay of more than 03 years.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the co-accused have already been granted the interim bail by a coordinate Bench of this Court.

Notice of motion for 12.07.2021.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and if he is sought to be arrested, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions as envisaged in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

However, anticipatory bail, granted while exercising the judicial discretion, should not operate as an inroad into the statutory investigational power of the police.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from DSP Karanvir Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

As no custodial interrogation is needed, the interim bail granted on 21st June, 2021 is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

12th JULY, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>