

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-32149-2021  
Date of Decision : 22.11.2021

Ajay Pal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral**

Petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.181 dated 12.07.2021 registered under Section 379-B of the IPC at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

On 03.09.2021, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.181 dated 12.07.2021 registered under Section 379-B of the IPC at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the alleged mobile stated to have been snatched by the petitioner and also the knife which was used to attack the victim, have already been recovered from the co-accused namely, Amrik Singh. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that nothing is to be recovered from the petitioner and the allegations alleged against the petitioner in the FIR are yet to be proved during the trial and as the petitioner is ready to join and cooperative in the investigation, he may be granted the benefit of anticipatory bail.

Notice of motion for 22.11.2021.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Surjit Singh submits that the allegations alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature and keeping in view the fact that cases of snatching are increasing day by day, the petitioner may not be granted the benefit of anticipatory bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

Keeping in view the fact that the allegations alleged against the petitioner in the FIR are yet to be proved during the trial and the alleged snatched mobile and knife, which is stated to have been used in the offence, have already been recovered from the co-accused namely, Amrik Singh and the petitioner is ready to join and cooperate in the investigation, the petitioner has made out a case for the grant of benefit of anticipatory bail as the joining and cooperating investigation by the petitioner will achieve the purpose of the investigation .

The petitioner is directed to join the investigation forthwith. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) That he shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required.
- (ii) That he shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing the said facts to the Court or to any police officer.
- (iii) That he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.
- (iv) That he shall abide by all the conditions as enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Surjit Singh,

states that in terms of the order of this Court reproduced before, the

petitioner has joined investigation and the challan has also been submitted

and the petitioner is not required for further interrogation.

In view of the above, the order dated 03.09.2021 passed by this Court granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands disposed of

November 22, 2021

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No*

*Whether reportable : Yes/No*