

**204 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-28017-2020
Decided on : 14.01.2021

Ramandeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Amandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.176 dated 01.07.2017 under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC 1860 registered at Police Station Dakha Ludhiana Rural District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to order dated 16.09.2020, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Baljit Singh states that though the petitioner has joined the investigation, however, recovery of the misappropriated rice stocks have not yet been effected and hence his custodial interrogation would be required.

No cogent and convincing reason has been brought forth by the learned State counsel, which would require the custodial interrogation of the petitioner. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 16.09.2020, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No