

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(203-2)

CRM-M-33954-2020

Date of Decision : October 26, 2021

Vikramjit Singh alias Viku

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Joginder Pal Devgan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 100 dated 11.05.2020 registered under Section 27 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Sections 188, 269 and 270 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 51-B of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 added later on) at Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran (Punjab).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined investigation in terms of order passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court dated 22.10.2020. Order dated 22.10.2020 is as under:-

*“The case has been taken up through Video Conferencing due to prevailing situation of COVID-19.*

*Admittedly, the petitioner was not named in the FIR. He was later on arraigned as accused on the basis of disclosure statement made by the co-accused. The alleged recoveries of*

*fire arms and ammunition have already been effected. It is also brought to the notice of the Court that co-accused namely, Jugraj Singh has already been granted interim anticipatory bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court.*

*Notice of motion.*

*At this stage, Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab, has accepted notice on behalf of the respondent-State.*

*Admittedly, co-accused, namely, Jugraj Singh, who is similarly situated person has also been granted interim relief by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court. So, 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. In the meantime, the petitioner should join the investigation with the police, well in time before the next date of hearing and he should also obey the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.*

*Adjourned to 03.12.2020, for awaiting the report of SHO/IO.”*

Learned State counsel, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, on instructions from ASI Tarsem Singh, states that in terms of the order of this Court reproduced before, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation is required at this stage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that petitioner will join investigation and also cooperate with the investigating agency in case he is required for the same in future as well.

In view of the above, the order dated 22.10.2020 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. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

In case at any given point of time hereinafter, it is felt by the investigating agency that petitioner is required for the investigation but is not cooperating, they will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

**October 26, 2021**

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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**

**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No