

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

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CRM-M-39704-2021

Date of decision : 26.10.2021.

Balbir Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vimal Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 1966 dated 25.08.2021, under Section 135 of the Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 2003, registered at Police Station Irrigation & Power, District Ambala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had committed theft of electricity. He, however, contends that the petitioner has paid the entire outstanding amount including penalty. A copy of the receipt is at Annexure P4. The petitioner is 69 years of age.

This Court, by order dated 23.09.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Amit Kumar, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 23.09.2021 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.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 26, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No