

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-36325-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 15.01.2021

SHOKIN @ SUNDA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Munfaid Khan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupinder Singh, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 53 dated 28.03.2020, under Section 5/13 (2) and 17 of the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015 and Sections 11-59-60 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Sections 279, 336 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 besides Section 25-54-59 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Rojka Meo, District Nuh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that five cows were being transported in a Mahindra Pick-up for the purpose of slaughter. He, however, contends that the FIR has been registered on the basis of secret information and the animals were recovered unharmed. He also contends that there is no *prima facie* material which would indicate that the cows were being transported for slaughter.

This Court by the order dated 26.11.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was 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 Ashok Kumar, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 26.11.2020 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.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

15.01.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No