

CRM-M-38264 of 2020
Date of Decision: 06.01.2021

Vijay Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURIPresent: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dulat, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate
for the complainant.

Through Video Conferencing**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J.(ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.352, dated 22.10.2020 under Sections 420, 465, 468 and 471 of IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Civil Lines Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in the present case, a complaint was lodged by the co-villager before the police that the petitioner had submitted certificate while joining the service wherein, wrong date of birth was mentioned. He submitted that as per Annexure P-2, the date of issuance of certificate was 05.12.1991 and he was appointed in the service in the year 1992. He has also submitted that that after a period of more than 30 years, he has now retired in the year 2017 by

way of voluntary retirement. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that after a period of 30 years, the present FIR has been registered and even otherwise, the matter only pertains to documentary evidence and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required in the present case.

Notice of the present petition was issued on 19.11.2020 and interim protection was granted to the petitioner.

Today, Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dulat, Addl. AG, Punjab, on instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh has submitted that in pursuance of the order dated 19.11.2020, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has fully co-operated with the investigation process and is not required for custodial investigation.

In view of the stand taken by the learned State counsel, the present petition deserves to succeed. Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 19.11.2020, by which the interim protection was granted to the petitioner, is hereby made absolute.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

January 06, 2021
Manpreet

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