

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

**CRM-M No. 38938 of 2020
Date of decision: 18.02.2021**

Mohit Malik

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sanchit Punia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 370 dated 29.10.2020, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides Sections 3, 13A and 67 of the Public Gambling Act, 1867, registered at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that on a raid conducted by the police to unearth gambling racket, six co-accused were arrested on the spot from a house at Patran, District Patiala. Laptop, printer and other gadgets were also recovered from the spot. The petitioner, who is 26 year old, is a resident of Hisar, Haryana, and has been implicated on suspicion. He is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by order dated 22.12.2020, had directed the petitioner to appear before the investigating officer and join the 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 Karnail Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation. He also contends the petitioner was arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. He further contends that recovery of ₹4,09,000/- in Indonesian currency, laptop, printer, mobile phone and other electronic gadgets has been effected from the co-accused.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 22.12.2020 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

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No