

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M No.40898 of 2020
Date of Decision: March 24, 2021

Ram Lal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.97 dated 03.07.2020, under Sections 21(1), 4(1) Mines & Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, registered at Police Station, Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 16.12.2020, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Notice of motion for 24.03.2021.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of

arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the police authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Raj Kumar, does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel, on instructions, further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 16.12.2020 is made absolute.

March 24, 2021
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No