

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

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CRM-M-38372-2019

Date of decision : 01.12.2021

Jagmeet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.141 dated 20.08.2019, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC (offence under Sections 467, 468, 471 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar Rural.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court on 17.09.2019 had passed the following order:-

“Status report filed by way of affidavit of Gurpartap Singh Sahota, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Attari, Amritsar-Rural on behalf of respondent No.1 in Court today is taken on record. It is mentioned in the affidavit that the role of the petitioner has surfaced during the investigation, however, the Police are still investing the case even qua the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the broad allegation against the petitioner is that he was given ten drafts for the purpose of joint business of complainant and the co-accused Sharanjit Singh. However, it is not even disputed that after four drafts were deposited with the Excise and Taxation Department, the remaining

drafts were returned by the petitioner to the complainant. Beyond that, there is no substantial allegation against the petitioner.

Adjourned to 02.12.2019.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the complainant, however, contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gurwinder Pal, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 17.09.2019 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

December 01, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No