

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-44373-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 29.9.2021

Salwinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Inderjit Singh.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered vide FIR No.92, dated 7.9.2019, Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran, under Sections 506, 353, 186, 323, 148, 149 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act.
2. At the time of issuance of notice of motion on 18.10.2019, the petitioner had been directed to join investigation. However, when the matter was taken up again on 13.8.2021 i.e. after almost 2 years, the State counsel informed that he has not joined investigation. However, while taking a lenient view in the mater, a last opportunity

was afforded to the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer on 8.9.2021 and the matter was adjourned to 29.9.2021 i.e. today.

3. Learned State counsel has informed that even despite the last opportunity afforded to the petitioner on the last date, he has not joined investigation.
4. In view of the aforestated position, this Court does not find any ground for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. The petition, as such, is dismissed.
5. However, since the petitioner is stated to be aged about 73 years as on date, it is ordered that in case, the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within a period of 10 days from today and moves an application for grant of regular bail, the learned trial Court shall endeavour to dispose of the same expeditiously, preferably within a period of three days from filing of such application, but in any case not later than one week from filing of such application.

29.9.2021

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No