

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

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CRM-M-46133-2019
Date of decision:- 29.06.2021

Vikas Mallan

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Through the instant petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 212 dated 11.10.2018, registered under Section 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, at Police Station Sarabha Nagar, District Ludhiana.

On 11.02.2020, this Court passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is not named in the FIR nor any person named in the FIR is working with him. The three persons, namely, Sonam Kumari, Vikramjit Singh and Mohit Kohli whose names cropped up during investigation had joined the company, namely, Super Direct Real Estates of which the petitioner is one of the Directors. The said persons had joined in November, 2017 and January, 2019. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further argued that he has been granted licence by the Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India for the period from 7.1.2017 to 6.1.2020 which has now been subsequently renewed.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, upon instructions from Inspector Sukhpal Kaur, has opposed the bail of the petitioner by submitting that the petitioner had engaged a large number of persons who were unauthorizedly making telephonic calls and inducing innocent people to purchase insurance policies by promising high rate of return.

List on 16.4.2020.

In the meantime, 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 the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.”

Learned State counsel, upon instructions, from Inspector Pawan Kumar submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and he is no longer required for custodial interrogation. He has further instructions to state that the petitioner is not named in any other criminal case.

In view of above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 11.02.2020 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

29.06.2021
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No