

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

CRM-M-266-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 24.8.2022

Satish Kumar Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Bhriugu Dutt Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Beniwal, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Shailendra Sharma, Advocate, for the complainant.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.283, dated 01.7.2020, Police Station Ambala Cantt. District Ambala, under Sections 177, 409, 120-B IPC, wherein he has been summoned with the aid of Section 319 Cr.P.C. so as to face trial along with other co-accused.
2. At the time of issuance of interim bail the following order was passed on 10.1.2022:

“This is a petition that has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been summoned by the trial court to face trial under Section 319 Cr.P.C. in FIR No.283 dated 01.07.2020

registered under Sections 177, 409, 120-B IPC at Police Station Ambala Cantt., District Ambala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner was not named in the FIR nor any role had been attributed to him, however, now vide order dated 22.11.2021 passed by the ACJM, Ambala, he has been summoned as an accused in the aforesaid FIR. It is further contended that one of the co-accused, who had been summoned to face trial under Section 319 Cr.P.C. has already been granted interim bail by this Court.

Learned counsel appearing for the complainant supports the order dated 22.11.2021 passed by the ACJM, Ambala by contending that huge fraud of Rs.8 crores has been committed by employees of railways and therefore, the petitioner herein ought not to be allowed anticipatory bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the paper book. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner had not initially been nominated in the FIR and the similarly situated person has already been granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 03.01.2022 passed in CRM-M No.54751 of 2021, the petitioner herein is directed to put in appearance before the trial court to face trial within a week and on his doing so, he will be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing adequate personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate.

List for further consideration on 26.05.2022.”

3. Learned counsel representing the petitioner has submitted that pursuant to interim directions the petitioner had surrendered before the trial Court and had furnished bail bonds and is appearing regularly before the Court.

4. On the other hand learned State counsel, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the petition and has submitted that it is a case of colossal fraud of about Rs.8 crores and that there is documentary evidence to substantiate the allegations against them. Learned counsel for the complainant has further submitted that in fact even during the course of departmental inquiry all the accused had been found to be guilty and that in these circumstances the complicity of the petitioner is *prima facie* evident and he does not deserve the concession of bail particularly when the main accused is yet to be arrested.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. Given the fact that the investigation is already complete and the petitioner has been summoned with the aid of Section 319 Cr.P.C. and pursuant to directions issued by this Court, has been released on interim bail, it is not a case which would warrant detention of the petitioner at this stage. The petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order 10.1.2022 are hereby made absolute. The petitioner shall, however, ensure his presence before the Trial Court on each and every date.

24.8.2022

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No