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

CRM-M-2996-2022

Date of decision : 25.02.2022

Vikash

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Parveen Dahiya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.209 dated 06.05.2021 registered under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar Sonipat, District Sonipat, Haryana.

On 28.01.2022, a Coordinate Bench of this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 209 dated 06.05.2021, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Sonipat Sadar, District Sonipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and he has been

arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. It is alleged that the petitioner had made a WhatsApp group and was informing the vehicle owners about location of the RTA staff conducting checking. He, however, contends that there is no material on record which would connect the petitioner with the alleged commission of offence. He also contends that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Sandeep has already been granted ad interim anticipatory bail by this Court by order dated 10.01.2022 passed in CRM-M No. 430 of 2022.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

List on 25.02.2022.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating/arresting officer and join investigation.

In the event of his arrest, the investigating/arresting officer shall release the petitioner on ad interim bail subject to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

Sd/-(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)

28.01.2022

JUDGE ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance of the abovesaid order dated 28.01.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Om Parkash, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further custodial interrogation.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances moreso,

the facts which have been noticed in abovesaid order dated 28.01.2022 and also the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 28.01.2022 is ordered to be made absolute.

However, nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the observations made in the present case which are only for the purpose of adjudicating the present bail application.

25.02.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No