

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

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CRM-M-4722-2022

Date of Decision: February 09, 2022

Jagmeet Singh Sidhu @ Babbu

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. B.S. Aulakh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab

(Through Video Conferencing)

ANOOP CHITKARA J. (ORAL)

Vide order dated 04.02.2022, this Court had granted interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 04.02.2022, the petitioner has joined investigation and he is a first offender and he may be granted bail and stringent conditions may be imposed upon him.

3. This fact has not been disputed by the learned State counsel. However, learned State counsel has opposed the bail on the ground that money is yet to be recovered. He further submits that in case this Court is inclined to give the bail to the petitioner then it should be subject to the strict and stringent conditions.

4. Given the nature of allegations, no pre-trial incarceration is required. Without commenting on the case's merits and the circumstances peculiar to this case, the petitioners makes a case for release on bail.

5. Given above, the present petition is allowed. The order dated 04.02.2022 is hereby made absolute subject to the following conditions:-

- i) Within ten days from today, the petitioner shall procure a smartphone and inform its IMEI number and other details to the SHO/I.O. of the Police station mentioned before. The petitioner shall always keep the phone location/GPS on the "ON" mode. Whenever the Investigating officer asks to share the location, the petitioner shall immediately do so. The petitioner shall neither clear the location history, WhatsApp chats, calls nor format the phone without permission of the concerned SHO/I.O. This condition shall continue till the completion of the trial or closure of case, whatever is earlier.
- ii) that the petitioner shall surrender all weapons, firearms, ammunition, if any, along with the arms license to the concerned authority and inform the Investigator about the compliance. However, subject to the Indian Arms Act, 1959, the petitioner shall be entitled to renew and take it back in case of acquittal in this case.

6. In case, the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid conditions only on this ground alone cancellation of bail may be sought by learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for the complainant.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	No