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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9085-2022

Decided on: 28th March, 2022

Nakul Bedi

Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Ankur Lal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.
Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Advocate for HPCL.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

This petition is filed seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 112, dated 10th April, 2021, under Section 15 of the Petroleum and Pipe Lines Act, 1962, 3/4 of Explosive Substances Act, 1908 and 379/34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Bawal, Rewari.

As per the case set up, petroleum products were being stolen from the Hindustan Petroleum Pipelines. The petitioner purchased the stolen products, used his godown and the vehicles for selling and transportation of petroleum products to the consumers. The raid was conducted, vehicles alongwith the stolen petroleum products were recovered from godown of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that godown of the petitioner was raided but the recovery was made from the adjacent premises.

Learned counsel for HPCL vehemently opposes the prayer and

submits that petitioner is involved in twelve more case with similar allegations. The raid was conducted on godown belonging to the petitioner and some of seized vehicles are registered in the name of the petitioner. He refutes the contention that recovery was not made from the godown belonging to the petitioner.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that anticipatory bail in the similar cases have been rejected by this Court.

The premises belonging to the petitioner were raided, the vehicles used for transportation and the alleged stolen petroleum products were recovered from the spot. It is not being disputed that some of the seized vehicles are registered in the name of the petitioner and the petitioner had taken the godown on lease. To have a deeper probe to unearth the modus operandi it is a fit case, where custodial interrogation is required.

The petition for anticipatory bail is dismissed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

28th March, 2022

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No