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

**CRM-M-18454-2021
Date of Decision: 26.04.2022**

Harpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. G.S. Simble, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.24 dated 27.02.2020, under Section 420 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

In the present case, this Court issued notice on 12.05.2021 and granted interim protection to the petitioner subject to his joining of the investigation as and when called upon to do so and to cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and to abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

On 10.09.2021, the learned State counsel had informed this Court that the petitioner has not joined investigation. Thereafter on 26.11.2021, learned counsel for the petitioner had prayed for some more time so that the

petitioner may join investigation and therefore, it was directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation and appear before the Investigating Officer within a period of 15 days. Thereafter, again on 23.03.2022, the petitioner was granted 15 days' to join the investigation and interim order was directed to continue.

Today, Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, learned DAG, Punjab, on instructions from A.S.I. Balkar Singh, has stated that till date the petitioner has not joined investigation at all and there is a violation of the order passed by this Court while granting interim protection.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that despite his efforts he has not been able to contact the petitioner.

In view of the aforesaid factual position, the present petition is dismissed and the interim order earlier granted to the petitioner stands vacated.

26.04.2022*Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)**
JUDGE

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