

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

**CRM-M-23345-2022
Date of decision: 26.05.2022**

Pardeep

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Naveen Siwach, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 4 dated 05.01.2022, registered under Sections 380, 454, 201 of the IPC at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR, where the allegations are that some unknown persons have committed theft of the batteries lying in a mobile phone tower.

Learned counsel further submits that two of the co-accused, namely Vijay Kumar and Savej, were arrested and they disclosed the name of the petitioner that he is an employee of Airtel Company and thereafter, he has been named in the present case.

It is further submitted that aforesaid two co-accused have already been granted the concession of bail by the trial Court, vide order dated 19.01.2022.

Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is a first

offender and he is not involved in any other case.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that it has come in the disclosure of the co-accused that it is the petitioner, who has called them for handing over the stolen batteries.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without making any comment on the merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and the co-accused, on whose disclosure the petitioner was involved in this case, have already been granted the concession of bail by the trial Court as noticed above, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted the concession of anticipatory bail, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

However, it will be open for the Investigating Officer to call upon the petitioner to join investigation, if so required, by issuing him a written notice in this regard.

26.05.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No