

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-27785-2022
Decided on : 30.06.2022

Mandeep Singh @ Keepa

. . . Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

PRESENT: Mr. Jagmeet Singh Moudgill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.
for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 97 dated
09.06.2022 under Sections 379, 473, 120-B and 411 of the Indian Penal
Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Sardulgarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in the
present case, the stolen Thar Car has been recovered from the co-accused
Babaldeep Singh @ Babu and not from the present petitioner and thus, the
petitioner deserves the concession of anticipatory bail.

This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties and
perused the paperwork.

The FIR in the present case has been registered on the basis
of a secret information and in the secret information, the present petitioner
was specifically named and the police party was informed that Babaldeep
Singh @ Babu, Basakha Singh @ Dholu and the present petitioner were
habitual of stealing vehicles/motorcycles in connivance with each other

and they had stolen a Thar Car after changing its number plate and they are going to sell the same. On the basis of the said secret information, the FIR was registered against the said three persons. Subsequent to the registration of the said FIR, the Thar jeep was recovered from the co-accused Babaldeep Singh @ Babu who did have any document showing ownership of the said Thar Car and the said co-accused made a statement that he alongwith the present petitioner and Basakha Singh @ Dholu had stolen the vehicle and that they together had also stolen various other vehicles and had further sold the same. The petitioner is stated to be involved in other cases. Although, no details of the said cases have been given in the petition but learned State counsel, on instructions, has given the details of the said cases which are hereunder:-

- (i) FIR No. 59 dated 21.08.2021 under Sections 383 and 334 IPC
registered at Police Station Kot Fatta
- (ii) FIR No. 100 dated 10.09.2021 under Sections 379-B, 341 and 34 IPC
registered at Police Station Rari
- (iii) FIR No. 262 dated 19.09.2021 under Sections 398, 401 and 411 IPC
registered at Police Station Kalian Wali

From the above, it is apparent that the petitioner is a habitual offender. Moreover, no argument has been raised that the petitioner has been falsely implicated by the police or by his co-accused Babaldeep Singh @ Babu.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition for anticipatory bail is dismissed.

Nothing stated above shall be construed as a final

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 petition.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

June 30th, 2022

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Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No