

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

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CRM-M-33918-2021

Date of Decision: 19.01.2022

Balwant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Suresh Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by HC Balwinder Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.34 dated 26.03.2021 at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda, under Sections 379/34 IPC.
2. At the time of issuance of notice of motion, the following order was passed on 20.08.2021:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations pertain to the theft of a submersible pump from the fields of the complainant and the petitioner is not named in the FIR. It has been submitted that after about 4 months of lodging of the FIR, the petitioner is now sought to be nominated on the basis of a supplementary statement allegedly having been made by the complainant.

Notice of motion for 19.1.2022.

At this Stage, Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab, upon whom an advance copy of petition had already been served, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel upon instructions has informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation and that he is not wanted in any other case.
4. Having regard to the aforestated position, wherein the petitioner is stated to have joined investigation, the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 20.08.2021 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

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