

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

Sr. No.202

CRM-M-32527-2020

Date of decision : 25.2.2022

Ashwani Dutta

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.Kanwarjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr.Sourav Khurana, DAG, Punjab

Mr.Ankit Grewal, Advocate for
Mr.Vaibhav Jain, Advocate for respondent No.2.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing.

Through the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.182 dated 29.6.2020 registered under Sections 406/420 IPC at Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar.

On 14.10.2020, while issuing notice, this Court had stayed the petitioner's arrest, which interim protection was extended time and again.

On 30.6.2021, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Notice of motion was issued on 14.10.2020 after noticing some facts.

In view of controversy, it would be just and appropriate to direct the petitioner to appear before the

SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation on 05.07.2021 at 11.00 A.M. and in the event of his arrest, he shall be enlarged on *interim* bail, subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer. However, petitioner shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Nothing expressed hereinabove shall be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case. The case shall be decided on merits on the adjourned date.

List on 22.09.2021.”

Learned State counsel submits that in pursuance to the afore quoted order the petitioner has joined the investigation; has cooperated with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

In the light of the above statement made by learned counsel for the State, the order of this Court dated 30.6.2021, granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

25.2.2022
gsv

[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

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