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

CRM-M-35420-2022

Date of decision : 11.10.2022

Gurcharanjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Jasraj Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.62 dated 22.07.2022 registered under Sections 21 (1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 420, 406, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC have been added later on) at Police Station Talwara, District Hoshiarpur.

On 10.08.2022, a Coordinate Bench of this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“1. Notice of motion.

2. Mr. M.S. Nagra, Asst. A.G. Punjab waives service of notice on behalf of respondent-State.

3. Reply/status report be filed within three weeks.

4. In the meantime, till further orders, in the event of the arrest of the bail petitioner, by the arresting officer, the latter shall release him, subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds in the sum of Rs.50,000/- each, to the

satisfaction of the arresting officer, and, also subject to his rendering co-operation to him, in the investigations to be carried into offences mentioned in the present FIR.

5. List on 11.10.2022.

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10.08.2022

Sd/- (SURESHWAR THAKUR)

JUDGE ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance of the abovesaid order dated 10.08.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Om Parkash, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further custodial interrogation.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances moreso, the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 10.08.2022 is ordered to be made absolute.

However, nothing stated above shall be construed as an 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 application.

11.10.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No