

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

CRM-M-39735-2021(O&M)

Date of decision: 08.02.2022

Gurmeet Lal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Katyani Dwevedi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through the instant petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 01 dated 01.01.2020, registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, at Police Station Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

Vide order dated 24.09.2021 passed by a Coordinate Bench, *ad interim* anticipatory bail was granted to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the aforesaid order dated 24.09.2021, the petitioner has joined the investigation. He also undertakes to hand over a Demand Draft amounting Rs. 60,000/- in the name of the complainant, which would be handed over the the Investigating officer within 10 days.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Harcharan Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for any further investigation.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 24.09.2021 granting *ad interim* anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and further subject to handing over a Demand Draft amounting to Rs. 60,000/- in the name of the complainant, to the Investigating officer within 10 days.

If this order is not complied with by the petitioner, the bail granted to the petitioner shall stand cancelled, automatically.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

08.02.2022

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No