

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

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CRM-M-44371-2021

Date of decision : 12.01.2022.

Mohammad Jishan

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 240 dated 16.12.2020, under Sections 457 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of two months in registering the FIR wherein it is alleged that LCC cards, etc., were stolen from the telephone exchange. The petitioner is a ragpicker and some of the material stolen was allegedly recovered from his house. He also contends that the petitioner was involved in FIR No. 198 dated 15.12.2020 registered at Police Station Baghapurana on similar allegations and he has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M No. 34975 of 2021. He further contends that prior to the registration of FIR No. 198 dated 15.12.2020, the petitioner was not involved in any other case, but thereafter he has been involved in other cases on similar allegations.

This Court, by order dated 25.10.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 25.10.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 12, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No