

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

CRM-M-55107-2019
Date of decision: 11.02.2022

Raja @ Samuel

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. A. P. S. Rehan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Monoj R. Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

(Through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 67 dated 19.10.2019, registered under Sections 420 and 406 of the IPC at Police Station Purana Shalla, District Gurdaspur.

The petitioner was granted the concession of interim bail on 20.12.2019 by passing the following order:

“Heard.

Notice of motion for 26.03.2020.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to surrender before the police and join investigation within a week. In the event of his arrest being required, he shall be released on interim bail till the next date, subject to his furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer. However, he shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2)(i) to (iv) Cr.P.C. failing which he shall lose the benefit of interim bail allowed to

him.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 20.12.2019, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Mohan Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above and also considering the fact that interim bail was granted on 20.12.2019 and since then, a period of more than two years has lapsed and there is no complaint either from the side of prosecution or complainant that the petitioner has ever misused the same, the present petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 20.12.2019, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

11.02.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No