

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

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CRM-M-7953-2023

Decided on : May 15, 2023

SHABAD SHARMA

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Surinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.629 dated 08.06.2019, under Section 135 of Electricity Act, 2003, registered at Police Station Anti Power Theft, PSPCL, Reru, Jalandhar.
2. Vide order dated 15.02.2023 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in compliance with order dated 15.02.2023, the petitioner has deposited 50 % of the penalty amount as well as the 50 % of the compounding fee and placed on record copy of the receipts dated 20.02.2023 & 13.03.2023 (*colly*), which is taken on record. He further submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and as such his interim bail may be made absolute. The learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI – Shiv Kumar has affirmed the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his further investigation in the present case is not required.
4. In view of the above, interim order dated 15.02.2023 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.
5. The present petition stands disposed off.

May 15, 2023

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**(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE**

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