

**2023:PHHC:106018**

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

**204**

**CRM-M-20006-2023**

Date of decision : 17.08.2023

Ravinder Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

**CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present:- Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

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**Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)**

A Coordinate Bench of this Court on 21.04.2023 had passed the following order:-

“The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.04, dated 14.6.2021, Police Station SVB, District Gurugram, under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Sections 13(2), 13(1)(c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The petitioner who had been working in Haryana Roadways is alleged to be a part of the committee which had allegedly committed irregularities and embezzlements to the tune of Rs.9,62,454/-, pertaining to purchase of certain goods/articles. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is aged about 65 years and that the instant FIR has been lodged belatedly inasmuch as the occurrence is alleged to have taken place in the year 2008.

Learned counsel further submits that three other identically situated officials of the department namely Babu Lal, Mohinder Singh and Sher Singh Yadav have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 13.04.2023

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(Annexure P-3) and as such petitioner also deserves the same concession on the grounds of parity.

Notice of motion for 17.8.2023.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C."

2. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from Inspector Suresh Kumar, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but recovery is yet to be effected.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is suffering from blood cancer and is still under treatment which has also been reflected in the order of the trial Court declining his application for bail.

4. Heard. In view of the above especially when the FIR has been lodged after 13 years of the alleged incident, the petitioner is 65 years of age and is stated to be unwell, co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail, I deem it appropriate to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. The order dated 21.04.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

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

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)  
JUDGE

**August 17, 2023**

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