

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

CRM-M No.42164 of 2022

Date of decision: 16th January, 2023

Ashok Sharma

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.24 dated 07.08.2022 under Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Sections 420 and 120-B IPC added later on vide Rapat No.25 dated 16.08.2022 registered at Police Station Narot Jaimal Singh, District Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 14.09.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Reply by way of Affidavit of Sumeer Singh, PPS, DSP, Sub Division Rural, District Pathankot has been filed today in the Court by the learned State counsel. The same is taken on record.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Tarsem Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined the investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 14.09.2022 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 16, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No