

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-46585-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.01.2023

ASHOK KUMAR @ SONU

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Akash Manocha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0166 dated 20.09.2022, under Section 294-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Section 7(3) of Lotteries (Regulation Act), 1998 and Section 13A, 3 & 67 of the Punjab Gambling Act, 1867 registered at Police Station Division No.2, Police Commissionerate District Ludhiana, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance of order dated 12.10.2022, of this Court, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but has also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Balour Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigation agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not

required for further custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 12.10.2022 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr. P.C

However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigation agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

January 19, 2023

M.Kamra/S.Sharma(syr)

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