

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-47965-2023

Date of Decision:21.11.2023

Jatinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. B.S. Kundra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randeep Singh Khaira, DAG, Punjab
assisted by HC Ranjit Singh.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 22.09.2023 following order was passed:

“Inter alia contends that petitioner has got valid sanction to carry out work of stone crushing on the land in question which in turn he has taken on lease from its owner. He submits that FIR has been registered based on false information that the petitioner did not have either valid sanctions or even otherwise stone crusher having been sealed by an administrative order, he was carrying out the work of stone crushing in violation thereof. He further submits that petitioner would be out of Court if any order regarding sealing of stone crusher is produced.

Notice of motion.

On advance service of copy of petition, learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab and seeks time to file status report.

Adjourned to 21.11.2023.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation, as and when required by the Investigating Agency and subject to his reporting to the Investigating Officer within two weeks from today, no coercive steps qua arrest of the petitioner shall be taken. In case, his

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arrest is required to be caused, petitioner shall be released on bail by the Arresting Officer till the next date of hearing on his furnishing personal bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer. Petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

Today learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Ranjit Singh, submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 22.09.2023 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail in case FIR No.122 dated 01.10.2019 registered under Section 21(1), 4 of Punjab Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Sections 379 & 188 of the IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Nurpur Bedi, District Rupnagar (Punjab).

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

November 21, 2023
Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No