

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

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CRM-M-54178-2022

Date of decision : 08.02.2023

Shankar Kumar

Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

Present: Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.140 dated 07.11.2022 registered under Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala.

Status report by way of an affidavit dated 07.02.2023 of Sh.Satvir Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Barnala has been filed in the Court today which is taken on record.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurtej Singh, submits that in pursuance of order dated 22.11.2022 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above facts, but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 22.11.2022 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

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**(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No