

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-57083-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-24.1.2023

Ranjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Divyam Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana,
assisted by DSP Mukesh Kumar.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.751, dated 14.9.2022, Police Station Indri, District Karnal, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B and Sections 7 and 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, wherein it is alleged that in the year 2007-2008 entries were not made in the Khasra/Girdawri by the petitioner (Patwari) so as to extend undue benefits to the landowners.
2. At the time of issuance of notice of motion, the following order was passed on 7.12.2022:

“This is a petition seeking anticipatory bail in case of FIR No. 751 dated 14.9.2022, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, 1860 and Section 7, 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station Indri, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon the fact that vide order dated 18.10.2022 co-accused was granted interim anticipatory bail by this Court and he claims parity. It is further argued that the alleged incident is of 2008 and the FIR was registered after fourteen years.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana, appears for State of Haryana and seeks time to have instructions.

List on 24th January, 2023.

In the meantime, arrest of the petitioner is stayed subject to joining investigation within a week.”

3. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from DSP Mukesh Kumar, has informed that pursuant to interim directions, the petitioner has since joined investigation and he is not required for any custodial interrogation.
4. Having regard to the aforestated position, wherein the petitioner is stated to have joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation, the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 7.12.2022 are hereby made absolute, subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

24.1.2023

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No