

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

211(2)	CRM-M-9399-2024
	Date of Decision:21.03.2024
ARJUN	Petitioner
Vs.	
STATE OF HARYANA	Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- None for the petitioner.
Mr. Parveen Kumar Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana
assisted by ASI Naresh Kumar.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 22.02.2024, following order was passed:

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.451 dated 20.09.2020 registered under Section 11 of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Section 13(1), 13(2) of The Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015 registered at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

As per allegations, on the basis of information received by the police, truck bearing No.HR-55H-2431 was apprehended wherein 15 cows and 02 oxes were recovered. One of the person fled from the truck. Driver Rattan Singh was apprehended who disclosed the name of the person, who had fled away, as Salim. It was also disclosed during interrogation by said Rattan Singh that one Baba Sardar had offered him ₹10,000/- per round for bringing the cows from Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated on the basis of secret information provided by Gaurav Kumar with oblique motive. Learned counsel further contends that petitioner has no criminal antecedents

nor his name emerged in the disclosure statement of the driver of the truck. Learned counsel also contends that similarly placed co-accused Kuldeep has already been granted the benefit of interim anticipatory bail vide order dated 13.02.2024 passed in CRM-M-7619-2024 (Annexure P-1) and co-accused Vijay has also been granted the benefit of pre-arrest bail by this Court vide order dated 16.02.2024 (Annexure P-2) passed in CRM-M-8543- 2024.

It is also informed by learned counsel for the petitioner that though, petitioner is involved in three more cases, but he has nothing to do with the present case.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sumit Jain, Addl. AG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State.

Be listed on 21.03.2024 along with CRM-M-7619-2024 and CRM-M-8543-2024.

In the meantime, in case of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. However, it is directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Today learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Naresh Kumar 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 22.02.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim

anticipatory bail.

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.

21.03.2024

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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