



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-28006-2024
Date of decision : 14.08.2024

SHUBHAM CHOPRA AND ANOTHER
... Petitioner(s)

Versus

SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, (DGGI), ZONAL UNIT,
LUDHIANA
...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Nitish Bansal, Advocate for
Mr. K.S. Kharbanda, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Anju Bansal, Advocate for
Mr. Sourabh Geol, Sr. Standing Counsel
for the respondent.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

On 29.05.2024, the following order was passed:-

The prayer in the petition under Section 438 Cr.PC is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in COMA-46670-2023 dated 15.06.2023 (Annexure P-1) titled as Senior Intelligence Officere Vs. M/s Shubham Steels & Ors. Under Section 132 of Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 read with Section 20 of Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

The learned Counsel for the petitioners submits that during the course of investigation into the offence, the petitioners have joined the investigation on a number of occasions. Now they have been summoned vide order dated 05.07.2023 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana (Annexure P-7) in pursuance to the filing of the complaint and as such, the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required. They are however, ready and willing to join the proceedings. He further contends that the



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co-accused, namely, Sanjiv Kumar has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 10.05.2024.

Notice of motion for 26.07.2024.

On the asking of the Bench, Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG Punjab accepts notice and prays for time to file reply to the petition.

In the meantime, the petitioners are directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on bail on their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C:-

- i) that the petitioners shall make themselves available for interrogation before the Investigating Officer as and when required;*
- ii) that the petitioners shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;*
- iii) that the petitioners shall not leave the country, without prior permission of the Court and shall surrender their passport, if any.*

In deference to the aforementioned order, the petitioner has surrendered and has since been released on interim bail.

In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed by this Court.

Disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

14.08.2024

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