



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

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**CRM-M No.39467 of 2024
Date of decision: 13.09.2024**

NAVPREET SINGH**.... Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF HARYANA****.... Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present : Mr. Harnoor Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Through the instant petition, filed by the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 331 dated 23.07.2024 registered under Section 318(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) and Sections 7 and 10 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Section 4 of Liquified Petroleum Gas Supply and Control Order, 2000 at Police Station Pinjore, District Panckhula.

2. Vide order dated 14.08.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 14.08.2024, passed by this Court, reads as under:

“Instant petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.331 dated 23.07.2024 registered at Police Station Pinjore, District Panchkula on the allegation that on receipt of secret information on 20.07.2024 by the Police to the effect that the co-accused Sonu Kumar was engaged in making illegal storage of gas cylinders for



supplying the same to public persons and further that if raid was conducted immediately, he could be apprehended. A raiding team was formed by the Police officials which rushed towards the house of the co-accused Sonu Kumar wherein 143 small and big gas cylinders out of which 15 cylinders were empty found lying therein. Co-accused was formally arrested and on interrogation, he suffered disclosure statement about the involvement of the present petitioner in the subject crime. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner had moved an application seeking anticipatory bail which had been dismissed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Panchkula vide order dated 03.08.2024.

It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused which cannot be considered admissible in evidence. No recovery is to be effected from him and his custodial interrogation is not required. He is ready to join the investigation. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

Notice of motion.

Learned State counsel who has appeared on advance notice of the petition, seeks time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 13.09.2024.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within one week or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the



event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on interim bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 10.09.2024 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.
4. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 14.08.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

13.09.2024
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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