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

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Date of Decision:- 01.10.2024

Narbhai Singh @ Nirbhai Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Narbhai Singh @ Nirbhai Singh has filed anticipatory bail in FIR No.123 dated 26.06.2023, under Section 4 of the Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955 and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 and Section 295 of IPC, registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

2. As per the facts of the case, FIR has been registered on the statement of Amit Kumar @ Gariba who stated that he belongs to Gaou Raksha Dal District Sangrur. He received information from reliable source that Jaggi, Raju, Laddi and Bachitter Singh were indulging in stealing cows in the surrounding areas and the cows were being transported in a canter bearing No.PB-07-BZ-2196 and were being taken out of the State of Punjab for the purpose of butchering. Karamjit Singh @ Kala was driving

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the canter and Surjit Singh @ Goldy was conductor. On the basis of this information raid was conducted and the canter was apprehended loaded with cows which was driven by Karamjit Singh @ Kala and Surjit Singh @ Goldy was conductor. Name of present petitioner allegedly came into picture during investigation.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that he is falsely implicated in this case. He has no role to play in the commission of said offence. No recovery was effected from him nor he was present at the spot. He is ready to join the investigation.

4. Learned counsel representing State opposed the bail petition. He filed detailed status report, which is taken on record. It is conceded that name of present petitioner cropped up during investigation. After completion of investigation, challan against Jagjit Singh @ Jaggi, Kamaljit Singh @ Kala, Surjit Singh @ Goldy, Rajwinder Kaur @ Raju and Bachitter Singh has been presented on 25.08.2023. Chargesheet was framed on 04.10.2023 and the case is fixed for prosecution evidence. On arrest of Nirbhai Singh @ Laddi supplementary challan will be presented. It is conceded that present petitioner is named during interrogation of co-accused Jagjit Singh @ Jaggi.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. It is not disputed that present petitioner was not apprehended on the spot rather he is named by co-accused during interrogation. No recovery is to to be effected from him. In fact after completion of investigation, challan is already presented against other co-accused who are facing trial. Present petitioner is also ready to join the investigation. Therefore, no purpose would be served by sending him

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behind the bars.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of case, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner – Narbhai Singh @ Nirbhai Singh is allowed. He be not arrested. In case of his arrest, he be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required. He will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

01.10.2024*Sunil Devi***(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

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