

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

**AT CHANDIGARH**

**Criminal Misc. No.M-14971 of 2020 (O&M)**  
**Date of Decision: 30.09.2020**

Joga Singh

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA**

Present:- Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab.  
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**HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)**

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

**CRM-13279-2020:**

Prayer in this application filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for exemption from filing the prescribed Court fee.

Prayer for exemption of Court fee on account of COVID-19 is accepted with the condition that the petitioner shall deposit the required Court fee within a period of one month when the situation becomes normal from the COVID-19 effect.

Application stands disposed of.

**Criminal Misc. No.M-14971 of 2020:**

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 CrPC is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.108 dated 04.10.2018 under Sections 384, 420, 272, 273 IPC and Section 61 Punjab Excise Act, 1914 Act registered at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to order dated 01.07.2020 of this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Angrej Singh, does not dispute the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no more required.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is no more required, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 01.07.2020 is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when directed by the investigating agency and shall abide by the terms and conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

September 30, 2020  
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( **HARI PAL VERMA** )  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No