

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

2026:PHHC:090316



CRM-M-35463 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Order:06.07.2026

Narinder Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Ms Divya Jerath, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Sukhdeep Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (oral)

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.53 dated 23.04.2026, under Sections 406, 409, 420 IPC at Police Station Kheri Naudh Singh, District Fatehgarh Sahib. This is the first application for anticipatory bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there was delay of 1-1/2 years in registration of FIR. Petitioner had been working as Secretary of Dhudaan Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd. and his job was to make payment of dues of the farmers who had been supplying milk. The amount allegedly misappropriated by the petitioner related to a cheque issued by the President of the Society, Satwinder Singh, who was the real culprit, being shielded by the police. Annual audits of the Co-operative Society were being conducted and had there been any embezzlement on part of the petitioner, the same would have been detected promptly. Petitioner was made scapegoat for fault of others and had left the job 4 years ago. He had clean antecedents was ready and willing to join investigation.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and submits that petitioner, who had been working as Secretary in Dhudaan Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd., was entrusted with the job of withdrawing money from the bank and making payment to the farmers. Assessment of record was made and on 26.5.2022, the fraud came to light. Record relating to account of the Society was also found missing and a sum of Rs.7,59,948/- was found embezzled. He further submits that on account of record of the society having gone missing, entire process of the society had come to a halt Complaint was moved in the first instance on 16.06.2022, but the FIR came to be registered in the year 2026.
5. Petitioner is alleged to have embezzled a sum of Rs.7,59,948/- during his tenure as Secretary of Secretary of Dhudaan Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd. He is also alleged to have absconded with all records of the society, the bank cheque book, pass book, resolution register, feed register, payment register, stock register etc. Allegations against the petitioner are grave and serious. His custodial interrogation is necessitated to elicit all relevant information, record and material evidence. Grant of anticipatory bail at this stage would not advance the cause of justice and would adversely affect investigation by the police, which must be avoided.
6. Declined.
- All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

06.07.2026

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(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No