

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

CRM-M-18193 of 2015

Date of Decision: 02.07.2015

Palwinder Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SNEH PRASHAR

Present: Mr. J.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Sanghi, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate
for the complainant.

SNEH PRASHAR, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.) for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case First Information Report No.130 dated 17.11.2013 under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC) registered at Police Station Mehta, District Amritsar Rural.

2. The accusation of the prosecution against the petitioner was that she had withdrawn money to the tune of Rs.4.35 lacs on 08.04.2013 from account number 84160300038997 held in the name of Gram Panchayat Mehtra with Punjab Gramin Bank by forging the signatures of Ashwani Kumar, Panchayat Secretary who had already

been transferred from the said block. Vide letter No.1684 dated 17.06.2013 explanation of the petitioner was called with regard to the withdrawal, forging of signatures and non distribution of pension to the beneficiaries but she did not respond.

3. Heard the submissions made by Mr. J.S. Sandhu, Advocate representing the petitioner and Mr. Ashish Sanghi, DAG, Punjab representing State; Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate representing the complainant.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners argued that the petitioner is being victimized on account of political rivalry in the village . No material has been collected by the police to support their allegation that the signatures of Ashwani Kumar on the relevant documents were forged.

5. The prayer was opposed by learned State counsel. He submitted that a huge amount of the Panchayat has been embezzled by the petitioner.

6. Apparently the allegation that the petitioner had illegally withdrawn the amount i.e. Rs. 4.35 lacs from the bank account of Gram Panchayat Mehta that too by forging signatures of the Panchayat Secretary, certainly warrants her custodial interrogation for reaching the truth. Her release on anticipatory bail will scuttle the investigation. Accordingly finding no merit in the petition it is hereby dismissed.

(SNEH PRASHAR)
JUDGE

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