

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

(1)

CRM No.M-23682 of 2015

Satwinder Singh @ Pappu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

(2)

CRM No.M-23692 of 2015

Jaswinder Singh @ Jassa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Date of Decision: September 01, 2015

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Ms.Ruchi Sekhri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms.Simsi Dhir Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Both the above-mentioned cases are taken up together
being arisen from same FIR.

Petitioners have filed these petitions under Section 438
Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.83 dated 19.06.2015
under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station
Dayalpura, District Bathinda.

Notice of motion was issued and learned State counsel appeared and contested both the petitions.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

In the present case, the FIR has been registered against the petitioners along with one Manjit Kaur, by stating that Satwinder Singh (Pappu), his wife Manjit Kaur and Jaswinder Singh (Jassa), residing at Bhagta Bahika, have taken a shop on rent and they were running the business of selling and making iron cots etc. They have also set up an office inside from where they were running a lottery system with people in name of Star Finance Company and Friends Lucky Draw, under which 400-500 people residing in and around Bhagta Bhaika, had deposited their money with them and had put in lucky draw. From the last 2-3 months, they had ran away after duping the people.

Learned State counsel submitted that they have the names of the people, who have made complaints during the investigation.

In the impugned order dated 14.07.2015 passed by learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Bathinda, it is also held that there are direct allegations that more than ₹36 lacs has been duped by the petitioners and 65 persons have been named by the prosecution who have invested their money.

Keeping in view the allegations against the present petitioners who are named in the FIR and are the main accused and

in view of the fact that they have cheated so many people in the guise of lottery system and fled away with the money of people and further, money is yet to be recovered, I find that petitioners are required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, I do not find it a fit case where petitioners are entitled to benefit of grant of anticipatory bail.

Therefore, finding no merit in both the petitions, the same are dismissed.

September 01, 2015
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(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE