

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M-2991 of 2015

Date of decision: March 17, 2015

Simran Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. S.S. Khurana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Rajan Gupta, J.

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506, 120-B read with Section 34 IPC at Police Station Naraingarh, District Ambala, vide FIR No.67 dated 13.03.2013.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has vehemently argued that petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated by the police. His name has not figured in the FIR. Petitioner had already entered into a compromise and paid some amount of money. Thus, he deserves to be granted concession of pre-arrest bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and given careful thought to the facts of the case.

FIR was lodged on the statement of Devi Chand who alleged that his son Ashok Kumar was fond of playing cricket and had won several awards. Seeing his performance, he started getting offers of

playing at higher level. Accused also approached Ashok Kumar's family and assured that name of their son would be included in Ranji Trophy and IPL list. They were asked to keep some money ready which may be spent on Ashok Kumar. Complainant, thus, deposited various amounts in the bank, total being Rs.24,55,000/-. However, name of Ashok Kumar did not figure either in Ranji Trophy or IPL. After duping the complainant, the accused went underground. Complainant alleged that he had to sell land and his ancestral property on assurance of the accused. They took lacs of rupees from him. FIR was registered way back on 13.3.2013. Petitioner repeatedly filed pre-arrest bail application before the Additional Sessions Judge. After fourth application was dismissed, he has approached this court.

I am of the considered view that petitioner is not entitled to discretionary relief of pre-arrest bail. Allegations against him are serious. His custodial interrogation would be required to take the investigation to its logical end. Besides, he has absconded from process of law and remained at large for last two years.

Dismissed. Commissioner of Police, Ambala shall be at liberty to appoint a more competent officer to investigate the crime.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

March 17, 2015
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