

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-33750 of 2015

Date of decision : 15.10.2015

Ashok Kumar

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. Inderpal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 211 dated 25.07.2015 registered at Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC.

The petitioner was officiating District Manager of Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation Chandigarh. The senior officers of the Corporation found that in 31 loan cases of Tarn Taran loans had been disbursed to the loanees and the names were found to be false. The allegations were that the loans had been granted ignoring the guidelines and by forging and fabricating the revenue documents with an intention to defraud the Corporation. It was found that the Jamabandis and the mutations appended with the loan applications were forged and fabricated and these had been verified by the petitioner. It was found that no such persons were living in the village.

Learned counsel for the petitioner urges that the loans were passed after proper verification and the papers were sent to the

Revenue Officials for verification and only after the proper verification loans were granted. It was urged that the petitioner is not the District Manager and he is Steno holding the post of Personal Assistant and he is ready to join the investigation. It was submitted that the petitioner is presently under suspension.

Learned State counsel submits that out of 29 cases processed by the petitioner, 21 cases were found to be fake and in one case the loan was obtained by one Jat Sikh having Scheduled Caste certificate. It was urged that the signature of Patwari and Naib Tehsildar had been forged and some people were not found at the addresses disclosed in the application.

The allegations are grave. Custodial interrogation would be necessary to unearth the fraud. Considering the seriousness of the allegations, no case for anticipatory bail is made out.

The petition is dismissed.

October 15, 2015

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**(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE**