

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM-M No. 3997 of 2015
Date of decision: 09.02.2015

Karnail Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SABINA

Present: Mr.Navjeet Sodhi,Advocate
for the petitioner.

SABINA, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.32 dated 18.11.2014 under Sections 420, 406, 465 of the Indian Penal Code,1860 registered at Police Station Narot Jaimal Singh, District Pathankot.

Prosecution story, in brief, is that the petitioner was working as Sarpanch of the village from the year 2008 to 2013. During the said period, grant to the tune of ₹ 3,50,000/- was released for the year 2012 to 2013 under the B.A.D.P. Scheme for construction of boundary wall of the School. However, the said amount was misappropriated by the petitioner as it was withdrawn on 17.4.2013 by preparing bogus bills. Apart from this, petitioner has also withdrawn the amount to the tune of ₹12,21,648/- which was granted to the Panchayat under different schemes by preparing bogus bills.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the

petitioner is innocent and has been falsely involved in this case. In fact, the entire amount was within the control of Block Development and Panchayat Officer.

The allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious in nature. As per the prosecution case, petitioner has misappropriated the grants released to the Panchyat under different schemes by preparing bogus bills. Petitioner might be required for custodial interrogation. Hence, no ground for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed.

**(SABINA)
JUDGE**

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