

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

**C.R.M-M No.43510 of 2014
Date of Decision : 27.01.2015**

Jaspal Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

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

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. A.S. Cheema, Advocate
for the complainant.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This is a petition for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.142 dated 23.11.2014 registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned Additional Advocate General on instructions from ASI Gurtej Singh has stated that no doubt there was an eight member committee but the fact of the matter is that Lachhmi Devi died on 04.08.2011 and therefore her 9 months pension was illegally drawn and not only the

petitioner but even the other members of the committee cannot be given a clean chit despite the fact that they have stated that the petitioner had got the proceedings signed from them.

In the circumstances, the apprehension of the learned counsel for the petitioner that it is the petitioner alone who has been singled out is redressed. Once it is shown that the public money is diverted in this manner, I do not deem it appropriate to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Petition stands dismissed. However, it is directed that the role of the other members of the committee may also be investigated to the fullest extent.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

January 27, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**