

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

CRM-M-6643 of 2015

Date of decision: 02.03.2015

Anokh Kumar

-----Petitioner (s)

V/s

State of Punjab

-----Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

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

Present:- Mr. Himanshu Puri, Advocate
for petitioner(s).

HARI PAL VERMA, J.

Petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.278 dated 21.10.2014 under Sections 420/465/467/468/ 471/120-B IPC Police Station Kapurthala City, Distt. Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner presses the case of the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail on the ground that the name of the petitioner is not found mentioned in the FIR.

As per the case of the prosecution, the instant case was registered against the accused on the complaint of Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar with the allegations that the accused produced a false birth certificate in order to obtain the passport. However, during the course of investigation, the accused Dalwinder Singh suffered a disclosure statement that his birth certificate was forged by the petitioner for a consideration of Rs.10,000/-.

The case has been registered against the petitioner as about 19 persons were issued such like forged birth certificates and a racket to have passports on the basis of forged documents is being unearthed, for which custodial interrogation of the accused may be warranted.

Considering the seriousness of the matter and the fact that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required, no ground for anticipatory bail is made out.

The petition is dismissed.

However, the observations made by this Court shall not prejudice the case of the petitioner.

March 02, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE