

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

**CRM-M No.12657 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.05.2016**

Nirmal Singh

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Preetinder S. Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mz. Rimplejeet Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by Inspector Devender Parshad,
Vigilance Bureau, Kapurthala.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner-Nirmal Singh in case FIR No.2 dated 4.3.2016 for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 13(1)(D) and 12(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, registered with Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Jalandhar.

As per the allegations leveled by the complainant-DSP Kulwant Rai, the land of the original owner Sarabjit Singh (undergoing a sentence in Central Jail, Kapurthala) was sold vide sale deed dated 13.08.2013 by the accused mediators Joginder Singh and Surinder Singh in favour of Dera by producing the impersonator co-accused Sukhdev Singh as Sarabjit Singh at the time of registry. Forged Voter I-Card of Sarabjit Singh was also used by Sukhdev Singh.

It was contended that the petitioner is a follower of the Dera and one of the attesting witness of the impersonator Sukhdev Singh under a *bona fide* belief. It was further contended that the original Sarabjit Singh has been compensated by the Dera as is evident from agreement **Annexure P-2**. It was

further contended that the petitioner is suffering from a fatal disease and undergoing treatment in the Oncology department at DMC, Ludhiana as per **Annexures P-4 & P-5** respectively.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by Inspector Devender Parshad, concedes the aforesaid submission.

In view of the above, interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted by this Court, vide order dated 12.04.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

May 20, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**