

212 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.21766 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of decision : 11.08.2016

Piara Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. C.K.Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG, Punjab.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This is a petition for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0060, dated 31.05.2016 registered under Sections 406/420 IPC at Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala.

On 24.06.2016 the following contention was noticed when interim bail was granted :-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is merely a machine attendant in order to help the customers to deposit the electricity bills. It is further his contention that it is the duty of the cashier concerned to draw the amount deposited in the machine with whom the key of the machine lies as per rules.”

Today learned Additional Advocate General, on instructions from Ms. Jyoti, Revenue Accountant, PSPCL has explained that the petitioner being a trained person used an elaborate system to first delete data and then recreate it.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that actually the petitioner has been made a scape goat for the acts of omission and commission of the Corporation itself.

Learned Additional Advocate General on instructions from ASI Harjit Singh stated that the role of the officials of the PSPCL is also under the scanner and the police is investigating whether anybody else also had a hand and an amount of more than Rs.26.00 lacs has been fraudulently taken away.

In the circumstances, at this stage not possible for this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Petition is dismissed.

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

11.08.2016

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No