

CRM-M No. 22398 of 2016

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

CRM-M No. 22398 of 2016
Date of decision : July 12, 2016

Jiwan Lal

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Mohit Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. KS Panoo, DAG Punjab

- 1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers 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)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.40, dated 11.3.2016, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the IPC, at Police Station City Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

The allegation against the petitioner is that he took an amount of ₹ 1.20 crore from the complainant for selling him 3 pieces of land belonging to one Mahinder Pal Singh. Actually that land had

already been sold by Mahinder Pal Singh and the petitioner had forged his signatures on the agreement to sell.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the only piece of objective evidence in this case is the agreement to sell where the petitioner has purportedly signed as Mahinder Pal Singh. The petitioner has now been in custody for the last four months and till date there is no material on record to show that the signatures of Mahinder Pal Singh appearing on the agreement to sell are in the handwriting of the petitioner.

Learned DAG Punjab, on instructions from ASI Sohan Lal, states that the document has been sent to the FSL on 31.3.2016 for comparison of signatures.

In the circumstances, I deem it appropriate to grant interim bail to the petitioner till the receipt of the report from the FSL. Consequently, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to release the petitioner on interim bail to its satisfaction till the receipt of the report from the FSL and thereafter decide the issue of confirmation/vacation thereof.

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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

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