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

CRM-M-32176 of 2016

Date of decision: October 24, 2016

Sukhdev Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. AG Punjab.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

Heard learned counsel for the respondent-State and perused the interim order dated 14.09.2016 granting ad-interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

In FIR No.30 dated 15.02.2014, under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Dakha, Jagraon, District Ludhiana, petitioner was granted ad-interim anticipatory bail vide order dated 14.09.2016 by this Court.

Petitioner is a *Nambardar* of the village. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Assistant Sub Inspector Raminderjeet Singh, submits that the petitioner has responsibility to act responsibly but in the instant case, he identified the person who impersonated and had taken huge money. Learned State counsel fairly submits that the main accused has deopsited the amount which he had taken. She further submits that the petitioner has acted in a most irresponsible

manner when he was acting as *Nambardar*.

It is true that the petitioner should have been careful while identifying wrong person but then since the main accused has deposited the entire amount and the petitioner was merely a witness as *Nambardar*, I think the *ad interim* order dated 14.09.2016 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner should be made confirmed. However, a note of warning to the petitioner is required to be given that he should not indulge in such type of offence as the State Government would, in that case, take strict action against the petitioner.

In that view of the matter, interim order dated 14.09.2016 granting ad-interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

Petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

October 24, 2016

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No