

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

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CRM-M-10257 of 2017

Date of Decision: May 02, 2017

Rajinder Singh

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet K. Athwal, DAG, Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.25 dated 28.10.2016, under Sections 420/120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Kotli Surat Malhi (Batala), District Gurdaspur.

FIR came to be registered on the statement of Krishan Singh. Complainant had asserted that there was a dispute regarding land between him and his daughter-in-law and the matter was pending before the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dera Baba Nanak. Allegations are that Lakhwinder Singh co-accused has taken from him a sum of ₹3,54,000/-, so as to obtain a favourable decision in the case from the Sub Divisional Magistrate concerned.

Counsel appearing for the petitioner would argue that the allegations are against Lakhwinder Singh and even the entrustment of money is to such person alone. Further contended that name of the present petitioner does not even figure in the FIR.

Notice of motion was issued in the instant petition on

03.04.2017.

During the course of hearing today, the police file has been made available by learned State counsel. Perusal of the same would reveal that an enquiry had been conducted in the matter and the statement of Lakhwinder Singh as also of the present petitioner stands duly recorded.

Main accused Lakhwinder Singh has specifically named the present petitioner to be part of the conspiracy along with one Manjit Singh.

Even the disclosure statement recorded of the petitioner himself is with regard to having received ₹60,000/- out of ₹3,54,000/- that had been entrusted to main accused Lakhwinder Singh.

State counsel informs that all the accused are on the run.

In the light of such serious allegations pertaining to giving money to obtain favourable verdict, this Court would not be inclined to extend in favour of the petitioner the concession of pre-arrest bail.

Petition dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

02.05.2017

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***Whether speaking/reasoned* : Yes/No**
***Whether reportable* : Yes/No**