

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

**CRM-M-21501-2016(O&M)
Date of decision:27.03.2017**

Nirmal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. P.K.S.Phoolka, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG, Punjab.

Jagdev Singh, Jaswant Singh, Jagdev Singh, Nand Singh
present in person with
Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate, for the complainant.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner has approached this Court under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.88 dated 12.05.2016, registered under Sections 420 and 406 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Nathan, District Bathinda.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that three persons, namely, Hakam Singh, Gurbinderjit Singh @ Laddi and petitioner- Nirmal Singh, have been nominated in the present FIR on the allegation of taking money from as many as 31 animal traders with a promise to return the same. He further contends that he had never received any amount from any of the complainants and that main accused Hakam Singh and Gurbinderjit Singh @ Laddi have been declared innocent during investigation.

The complainants present in Court state that petitioner-Nirmal Singh was an acquaintance and he was the one who had introduced accused

Hakam Singh and Gurbinderjit Singh @ Laddi to them and thereafter business transactions between the parties had started. They categorically state that various amounts were handed over to the petitioner by the complainants.

Learned counsels for the complainants and for the State oppose the grant of bail.

Heard.

Considering that the petitioner and co-accused have taken approximately Rs.35-36 lakhs from as many as 31 persons and statements of only 10 of these complainants has been recorded so far, this Court feels that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

Consequently, no case for grant of anticipatory bail is made out.

Dismissed.

(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No