

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA,
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-36042 of 2017 (O&M)

Decided on : 03.10.2017

Hira Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr.N.S.Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr.A.S.Gill, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

Arvind Singh Sangwan, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.169 dated 27.08.2017 under Sections 409 and 120-B, IPC registered at Police Station Sadar, Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Chutala and has been involved in the present FIR on the complaint filed by District Development and Panchayat Officer (in short DDPO) that the petitioner has embezzled an amount of Rs.9,23,500/- which was given to the petitioner for the purpose of disbursement of old age pension to the eligible persons.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that before conducting inquiry, DDPO has not issued any notice and therefore, the amount which was disbursed by the petitioner along with co-accused, Dilbagh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, was given to eligible persons against receipt.

On the other hand, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI-Balbir Singh has submitted that on the complaint of village peoples,

an inquiry was conducted by the DDPO and after the inquiry was

concluded, the opinion of the District Attorney was taken with regard to the allegation for registration of the FIR and as per direction of the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran, FIR in question was registered against the petitioner. It is further submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioner that he has embezzled an amount of Rs.9,23,500/- which was received by the Panchayat for disbursing the old age pension and the same has been misused by the petitioner along with co-accused as amount of pension was not disbursed to the eligible persons.

Considering gravity of the offence, no ground for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed.

[Arvind Singh Sangwan]
Judge

03.10.2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No