

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

**CRM-M-20665-2018
Date of decision: 18.09.2018**

Sher Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Raj Kumar Chandana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 64 dated 23.03.2018, registered under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

The operative part of the order dated 17.05.2018, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, which was got registered by Chief Judicial Magistrate, Faridkot, one Jagmeet Singh @ Gobinda was released on bail subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds by attaching copy of the jamabandi, which was later on found to be forged document. It is further submitted that identification of Nishan Singh, who has furnished bail/surety bonds of said Jagmeet Singh @ Gobinda, was done by one Sukhdev Singh, ex-Municipal Councillor and signatures of the petitioner were taken on the aforesaid jamabandi. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is an illiterate person, aged about 67 years and his signatures were obtained on the pretext that a bank loan is to be applied

and he had no knowledge about the fact that said Nishan Singh has in fact prepared a forged jamabandi. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that in fact, attestation of the document i.e. jamabandi is to be done by the concerned revenue official who submit the certified copy of the jamabandi and it was for the said Court, while accepting the bail/surety bonds, submitted by co-accused Nishan Singh, to ask for certified copy of jamabandi, however, later on, FIR was registered with the allegations that same was found to be fake document. It is further submitted that petitioner has no role in the present case except that he has signed on asking of said Nishan Singh, in connivance with Sukhdev Singh, ex-Municipal Councillor, who had identified him.

Notice of motion for 18.09.2018. ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 17.05.2018, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Satpal Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 17.05.2018, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

September 18, 2018

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*