

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

CRM M-22653 of 2017

Date of decision : 19.04.2018

Boota Ram

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

....Respondent

BEFORE : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. S.K. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Sr. DAG Punjab.

Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the complainant.

RAJAN GUPTA J.

Petitioner has prayed for pre-arrest bail in a case registered against him under sections 408 & 420 IPC vide FIR No. 61 dated 26.05.2017 at police station Bhogpur, district Jalandhar Rural. Case was registered on the complaint of Inspector Narinder Nath. It was alleged that petitioner namely Boota Ram had received cash from members of the Society and had not entered the same in the record. He, thus, misappropriated the amount. He also forged a cheque of one of the members and withdrew ₹1,57,000/- from his account. Petitioner was, thus, suspended by the Managing Committee on 17.05.2017. At the time of issuance of notice of motion, ad-interim bail was granted to the petitioner. Stand of the State is that number of other complaints have been received against the petitioner. It has now been found that he swindled an amount of ₹89,50,000/- by duping other members of the Society as well. According to him, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for unraveling the

entire modus operandi of the crime. I find substance in the plea of the State.

Petition is, thus, without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

April 19, 2018

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(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No