

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26800-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 27.7.2018

Jagdeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Shubreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of FIR No.99 dated 25.4.2018, under Sections 408 and 120-B IPC, Police Station Dugri, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

The FIR in question was lodged at the instance of Ms. Ranveer Kaur Aulakh wherein it has been alleged that one Swaran Singh and Jagdeep Singh were working as Managers at her filling station namely Sandeep Filling Station for the last about 10 years. It is alleged that Swaran Singh and Jagdeep Singh did not deposit the sale-proceeds in the Bank in respect of the period 6.4.2016 to 15.1.2017 and had thus committed fraud to the tune of ₹26,81,300/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that though the alleged embezzlement is stated to be in respect of the period April, 2016 to

January, 2017 but the FIR in question was lodged highly belatedly in March, 2018 and it remains unexplained as to why the complainant did not raise the issue all this time. It has further been submitted that co-accused who is father of the petitioner has already been granted bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana.

The learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Dawinder Singh has submitted that the petitioner has since joined the investigation but he is required for the purpose of recovery of the alleged aforesaid amount.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the co-accused has already been released on bail and that the petitioner has joined the investigation, the petition is hereby accepted and the interim directions dated 27.6.2018 are made absolute.

The petitioner shall however, make himself available as and when directed by the Investigating Officer and would fully cooperate with the investigation.

July 27, 2018
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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No