

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

Crl. Misc. No.M-54751 of 2018

Date of Decision:- 11.12.2018

Harpreet Singh @ Happy

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present:- Mr. Dixit Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.167 dated 29.09.2018 registered at Police Station Machhiwara, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, 1860.

According to the FIR, the petitioner connived with some other people to generate distorted revenue record to show that one Ravinder Pal son of Ram Lok was also owner of the land in dispute, thus, enabling him to obtain loan against said land.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is no specific allegations against the petitioner in the FIR. The petitioner is a Computer Operator and could only make changes in the revenue record once the system was unlocked by the Patwari. Thus, no offence has been committed by the petitioner and he deserved to be granted anticipatory bail.

It is not in dispute that the petitioner is involved in preparation of revenue record, being a Computer Operator.

I cannot accept the argument of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent as his innocence can only be established during the course of the trial. The argument that the system could only be unlocked by the Patwari is

also of no use because the Patwari could have unlocked the system on any number of occasions and the said occasions may have been mis-utilised. The custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary to find out as to how, even after computerization, the revenue records are open to being tampered with.

There is, thus, no merit in the petition and the same is accordingly dismissed.

December 11, 2018
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(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes**

Whether reportable **No**