

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

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CRM-M-1959-2019 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 18.07.2019

LALIT KUMAR

... **Petitioner(s)**

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... **Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.122 dated 22.09.2018, under Sections 420, 465, 468 and 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Ghagga, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the arrest of the petitioner was stayed in the FIR which had been registered under Section 420 IPC. The allegation against the petitioner in the FIR is that he had forged the Will of his grandfather and got the land mutated in his name which was sold to the complainant. He further contends that other legal heirs of the grandfather of the petitioner had challenged the Will and the civil suit is pending. The petitioner is alleged to have kept the complainant in the dark about the pendency of the litigation while entering into the agreement to sell of the suit land measuring 3 ½ marlas with the complainant. He also contends that when the petitioner had entered into the agreement to sell with the complainant, there was

no litigation with regard to the land in question and the civil suit was filed by other legal heirs of his grandfather later on.

This Court by the order dated 15.05.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from HC Satpal Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation but he has not handed over the relevant documents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that all the documents are before the Court which is adjudicating the civil dispute.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the order dated 15.05.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

18.07.2019

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No