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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

1. CRM-M-22551-2019

Date of Decision : September 26, 2019

Harpreet Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

2. CRM-M-22552-2019

Kulwinder Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN.

Argued by Mr.J.S.Bhandohal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG, Punjab,
for respondent-State.

Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate,
for the complainant.

SHEKHER DHAWAN, J.

Present petitions under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure are for grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.63 dated 13.04.2019 under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B IPC registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur.

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2. Learned counsel representing petitioner, Harpreet Singh contended that the petitioner was working as Labourer at the Milk Collection Centre on payment of salary and the name of the petitioner has been dragged into the case with intention to pressurize the main accused, namely, Devinder Singh Sandhu, whereas the petitioner has no connection with him. Otherwise also, the petitioner is innocent.

3. Learned counsel representing petitioner, Kulwinder Singh contended that the petitioner is innocent and his name has been dragged into the case as he is the brother-in-law of the main accused, namely, Devinder Singh Sandhu.

4. Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for the complainant opposed the bail applications of the petitioners on the ground that the petitioners as well as Devinder Singh Sandhu are the main accused along with other accused, who have cheated a number of persons. Payments were collected by said Devinder Singh Sandhu and thereafter, Kulwinder Singh and Devinder Singh Sandhu alongwith their wives had gone abroad and amount worth Two Crores of rupees was due towards them and 500-700 families are effected in this case.

5. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and above facts that the petitioners along with main accused, namely, Devinder Singh Sandhu have cheated number of persons and a sum of Rs. 1,41,43,395/- is to be paid to the complainant/victims, the petitioners would be required for effective investigation of the case. There is no merit in the present petitions.

6. Resultantly, both the above titled petitions seeking anticipatory bail stand dismissed.

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7. Any observation made herein above shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

September 26, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned?	:	Yes
Whether reportable?	:	Yes