

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

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CRM-M-41345-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 24.10.2019

SUKHDEEP SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. H.S. Jalal , Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.13 dated 15.03.2019, under Sections 409, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Mehal Kalan, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that the Panchayat funds were misappropriated by Jagwinder Singh, who was the Panchayat Secretary and he has been granted regular bail. He also contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of Kamalpreet Kaur and Balwinder Singh, who are non-officials and are also not named in the FIR.

The allegations against the petitioner are that he is alleged to have embezzled Rs.2,78,750/-. He further contends that the petitioner was not posted as Panchayat Secretary at the time when the alleged embezzlement is stated to have taken place.

This Court, by the order dated 26.09.2019, 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 ASI Hardeep Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but recovery has to be effected.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 26.09.2019 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

24.10.2019.
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No