

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

CRM-M-4498-2020
Date of decision: 13.02.2020

Netar Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Balbir Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 172 dated 12.10.2019, under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Branch Mandi Sirhind, petitioner Netar Singh obtained a loan of Rs. 10 Lakh from the said bank by producing fake documents in connivance with Halqa Patwari and other accused. On verification, the documents produced by the petitioner regarding ownership of the agricultural land was found to be fake as per original *Jamabandi* and, therefore, the present FIR was registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the present FIR has been registered after nine years.

It is worth noticing here that anticipatory bail application of the son of the petitioner, namely Gurjant Singh, has already been dismissed by

this Court, vide order dated 15.01.2020 passed in CRM-M-51199-2019, noticing the fact that the present petitioner, even on previous occasions, has mortgaged the same property with Corporation Bank, Branch Cheema Complex, Defence Band, Sirhind, State of Patiala (now State Bank of India, Branch Manakpur) and IDBI Bank, Branch Tripti and thus, by forging the documents and by mortgaging the same land with three different banks showing that the land is free from all encumbrances, on three different times, the petitioner has obtained loan for the fourth time from the complainant bank.

Therefore, considering the conduct of the petitioner that he has manipulated the revenue records for obtaining the loans from four different banks against the same property, this Court finds no ground to grant him the concession of anticipatory bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

13.02.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No