

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-7514-2020

DATE OF DECISION: FEBRUARY 19, 2020

MANINDER SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ.

PRESENT: MR. G.S. SANDHU, ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.(ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.12 dated 20.1.2020 under Section 417/419/465/466/468/471 and 120-B IPC, Police Station Sadar Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner was not the person who had actually impersonated as a candidate (Sukhchain Singh) in the examination of Punjab Teacher Eligibility Test (PTET). He submits that though the examination hall was equipped with cameras and videography was done, but in the said videos the petitioner is not seen. Therefore, according to him, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court finds no merit in the argument raised as the FIR itself mentions the fact that the petitioner was seen in the videography of the Centre at Government Elementary School, Sukhera Bodlan, District Fazilka. Apart from the

videography, the Head Teacher, namely, Amritpal Kaur in writing had certified that the person seen in the pictures of the videography was Maninder Singh, ETT Teacher.

Considering the seriousness of the offence, this Court is not inclined to extend the extra ordinary concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner and in the given facts, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be necessary to unravel the truth of forgery and cheating committed by him.

The petition is dismissed. However, the above order shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

February 19, 2020
Gulati

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Reportable : Yes/No

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No