

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

CRM-M No.13373 of 2020
Date of decision: 1st June, 2020

Paramjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Varlin Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the State on his own.

Petitioner Paramjit Singh, who is accused in case bearing FIR No.0027 dated 06.02.2020 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC pertaining to Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran, has come up in this first anticipatory bail application under Section 438 Cr.P.C. The present case was got registered on the complaint of one Gurmeet Singh alleging that after some bank officials came to his house and disclosed that his 15 acres of agricultural land has been under hypothecation of the State Bank of India for advancement of loan amount

of ₹ 20.00 lacs which on accumulation has come to ₹ 26.00 lacs upon verification. It is alleged that the bank officials including its Branch Manager, Halqa Patwari and Amarjit Singh Nambardar and others had forged the revenue documents and by impersonation of the present complainant Gurmeet Singh a loan was advanced to which the complainant was never a party.

Learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. Varlin Garg, Advocate inter alia contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and there is no specific role attributed to him in commission of the offence and that nothing is to be recovered.

Learned State counsel Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab though does not displace the facts canvassed but stoutly opposes the grant of bail on the grounds that investigations are underway and if allowed bail the petitioner might stifle the same as well as heinousness of the offence and seriousness of allegations calls for custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

Going through the submissions of the two sides, as per the allegations it is through deceit and impersonation that the petitioner posing as Gurmeet Singh, the owner of 15 acres of agricultural land, in connivance with the Manager of the Bank and other officials including witnesses, loan has been raised deceptively. The investigations are at

crucial stage. In view of the heinousness of the offence together with the settled proposition of law that provisions of Section 438 Cr.P.C. are to be sparingly used, no cause for grant of bail to the petitioner is made out. The prayer made is declined and the petition stands dismissed accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

June 1, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No