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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12735-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 08.10.2020

Niranjan Singh @ Kaka

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.83 dated 18.03.2020 under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

On 21.05.2020, while issuing notice of motion, following order was passed by this Court: -

“...Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was only working as an agent in Crown Credit Cooperative Society. He submits that the first informant had invested a sum of Rs.2.41 lacs with the aforesaid cooperative Society and the petitioner was paid some commission. He further submits that as

per the investigation carried out, the petitioner has no further role except that he at the relevant time worked for the Society on commission basis.

Annexure P-2, an order passed by the Director, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab dated 4.11.2016 prima facie shows that a Special Investigation Team was constituted to investigate cases against Crown Credit Cooperative Society.

Mr. H.S.Sullar, DAG, Punjab who appears for the State of Punjab is not in a position to inform the Court as to what is the result of such investigation.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts of the case, the petitioner is directed to join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Adjourned to 10.8.2020. State of Punjab is directed to file detailed affidavit in response to the petition well before the date fixed.”

Thereafter, the case was adjourned for filing affidavit regarding investigation of the case, which is pending since long.

Affidavit of Director, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, Chandigarh filed in the Court today, is taken on record and in this affidavit, it is stated that

in one FIR No.255 dated 07.09.2015, some accused stand acquitted and the main accused Jagjit Singh @ Laddi, MD of Crown Credit Cooperative Society Limited was declared proclaimed offender along with one Jaswinder Singh Kaler. Similarly, in FIR No.84 dated 09.09.2015, said accused is declared proclaimed offender and five accused have already been convicted. In FIR No.42 dated 01.09.2015, some accused have been acquitted and the aforesaid persons were again declared proclaimed offender. In FIR No.109 dated 05.11.2015, some accused are again declared proclaimed offender and challan against two accused is filed. Similarly in FIR No.135 dated 24.12.2015, there is only one accused and challan against him already been presented. All the aforesaid FIRs are relating to District Barnala.

Similarly in the cases registered in District Sangrur, in FIR No.96 dated 13.10.2015, aforesaid accused are declared proclaimed offenders and challan qua some of them has been presented. In FIR No.107 dated 04.11.2015, the aforesaid two persons are declared proclaimed offenders and some accused stand acquitted. In FIR No.168 dated 02.06.2017, again the aforesaid MD of Crown Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Jatinder Singh and Gurbinderpal Singh were declared proclaim offenders and trial qua them is pending.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of aforesaid affidavit, has submitted that in all the pending cases, the police is taking all recourse for arresting the accused persons, who have been declared proclaimed offenders and within a period of three months, the investigation will be completed.

Since the order dated 21.05.2020, vide which interim anticipatory bail was granted to the petitioner, has already been made absolute vide order

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dated 10.08.2020, this petition is disposed of.

However, the Additional Director General of Police, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab is directed to conclude the investigation within a period of three months and submit the status report before the Registrar General of this Court.

08.10.2020

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**[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No