

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

CRM-M No.13359 of 2020
Date of decision: 1st June, 2020

Kashmir Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Parampreet S. Paul, 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 Kashmir Singh, accused in case bearing FIR No.123 dated 19.12.2019 under Sections 489-B, 489-C IPC pertaining to Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, District Rupnagar, has come up in this first anticipatory bail application under Section 438 Cr.P.C.

The present case was got registered on the *ruqa* sent by ASI Sanjeev Kumar alleging that they were holding a special *naka* and during which they stopped vehicle bearing registration No.HR-03L-6448 which was being driven by accused Vikramjeet Singh non-applicant and in which on the seat next to the driver, accused Sohan Lal non-applicant was sitting. It is alleged that during search of the car ₹ 1,50,000/- by way

of 75 currency notes (each of the denomination of ₹ 2,000/-) were recovered which were found to be counterfeit leading to registration of the present case. It was on the statement of these persons that accused petitioner Kashmir Singh was instrumental in supplying them the counterfeit currency notes, name of the present petitioner cropped up.

Upon hearing learned counsel for the petitioner Mr.Parampreet Singh Paul, Advocate, Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab representing the State and on perusal of the records. From the conscious possession of the co-accused non-applicants Sohan Lal and Vikramjeet Singh, fake Indian currency notes of the value of ₹ 1,50,000/- have been recovered. As per the disclosure statement and confessions got recorded by these accused, they have specifically named the present petitioner as the person who was instrumental in supplying these fake/counterfeit currency notes. The contentions of learned counsel for the petitioner that on account of matrimonial dispute of son of the petitioner with his wife, the petitioner has been falsely implicated, has been rightly controverted by the learned State counsel as there is nothing substantial by way of documents from the record to that effect. There are serious allegations against all the accused in this case. More so, it is a matter of common knowledge that counterfeit Indian currency notes are being pumped into the country to ruin it as well as to give impetus to terrorism and other illegal activities including narcotic trade. Having regard to the very economic security as well as law-and-order situation in

the country, in view of the seriousness of allegations, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is very much essential to comprehensively interrogate the entire gamut of this nexus and the crime, which necessitates and impels this Court to hold that no case is made out to allow the prayer of the petitioner which stands declined.

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