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

**CRM-M No.14986 of 2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.08.2020**

**Madan Lal Seth @ Madan Lal Seethi Petitioner
Vs
State of Punjab Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr. Deepak Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl., AG, Punjab.

Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through-video-conferencing.

On 12.06.2020, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner-Madan Lal Sethi @ Madan Lal Seethi has filed the present petition inter alia with a prayer to grant him anticipatory bail in case FIR No.96, dated 07.04.2020 under Sections 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is 87 years of age. In the FIR, there are no allegation of any act on his part except that the allegation is that the accused persons in a planned manner in connivance with their relatives had prepared a false affidavit of the land for getting

allotted the same in favour of Mr. Madan Lal Sethi i.e. the petitioner. He further submits that his sons had filed CRM-M No.13122 of 2020 and vide order dated 28.05.2020, this Court had granted anticipatory bail to them.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate, appears for the complainant.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that the petitioner is the beneficiary of the whole transaction. He further submits that the accused party has been repeatedly making forged documents and statements and had even made false statement before this Court.

Let the parties file any pleadings/documents to support their submissions before the next date of hearing.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to furnish security with the Investigation Officer worth Rs.5,00,000/- in the form of bank guarantee or immovable property. The Investigation Officer is at liberty to join the complainant in the investigation, if he deems it appropriate.

Adjourned to 02.07.2020.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

On request of learned counsel for the complainant, list this matter along with CRM-M No. 37088-2019 on the date fixed.”

The factum of receiving an amount of Rs.52 lacs by the complainant is not in dispute.

At this stage, without meaning anything on merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to confirm the order dated 12.06.2020. However, petitioner shall keep on appearing before the Investigating Officer as and when required to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Sections 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

10.08.2020

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No