

**CRM-M-15424-2020**

Date of decision : July 15, 2020

Jatinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL**

Present: Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional AG, Punjab

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**LISA GILL, J.**

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 166 dated 24.05.2018 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 469, 471, 120B IPC registered at Police Station Division No. 5, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

Following order was passed on 17.06.2020:-

“ All the cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of anticipatory bail upon FIR no.166, dated 24.05.2018, having been registered at Police Station Division No.5, Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, against him, alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 469, 471 and 120-B of the IPC.

Mr. Nagrath, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner had actually purchased the property in

question in the year 1995, from one Harjit Singh who was holding a general power of attorney in his favour from the original owner, i.e. Jaswant Singh. Though Harjit Singh, before the police had denied ever having executed a sale deed in favour of the petitioner, the petitioner has that original sale deed with him and is willing to produce the same before the police if granted interim protection.

Without making any comment on the merits of the case, notice of motion is issued to the respondent-State, with Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, learned AAG, Punjab, accepting notice at the asking of the court.

A copy of the petition be sent to him by e-mail by the learned counsel for the petitioner, with three copies of the petition to be handed over to the office of the Advocate General, Punjab.

Adjourned to 15.07.2020.

In the meanwhile, upon the petitioner joining investigation, in case he is sought to be arrested, he would be admitted to interim bail, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Illaq/Duty Magistrate. He shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

If the arresting officer does not join the petitioner in investigation, he would appear before the learned Illaq/Duty Magistrate immediately, who would then summon the arresting officer and direct him to join him in investigation.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has since joined investigation and he undertakes to further fully co-operate with the investigating agency. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Malkiat

Ram verifies that the petitioner has indeed joined investigation

pursuant to order dated 17.06.2020 and his custodial interrogation is not required. It is further verified that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition. Consequently, order dated 17.06.2020 is made absolute.

July 15, 2020

**(Lisa Gill)**  
**Judge**

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| Whether reportable :        | Yes/No |