

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

CRM M-20836 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 05, 2020

Amrinder Pal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Pranav Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner Amrinder Pal Singh who is accused in case bearing FIR No. 166 dated 14.07.2020 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC and Section 66 of Information Technology Act registered at Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka, Punjab has come up in this first anticipatory bail application under Section 438 Cr.P.C.

The brief allegations are as follows:-

“Complainant Jaswinder Singh alleges that he was a

trader and a commission agent settled abroad and came in contact with principal accused non-applicants Subhash Chugh @ Tahla and co-accused Sandeep Garg. The allegations hover around both these accused who conspired together and enticed him to invest in the game of cricket “betting” promising huge monetary benefits and on the basis of this misrepresentation, the complainant claims that he paid Rs. 8 lacs and 9.50 lacs to these accused by selling of his articles and vehicles and, thereafter, handed over the money to these accused but, subsequently, they did not return the same nor accounted for it leading to the registration of the present case”.

Mr. Pranav Chadha, learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is a young artist residing in Mohali and has not been named in the FIR nor any specific role is attributed to him and that his joining the investigation would suffice the purpose as nothing is to be recovered from him.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab with all fairness has sought to oppose the bail on the grounds that the bail application of similarly placed co-accused Subhash Chugh @ Tahla has been dismissed vide order dated 28.07.2020 passed

by this Court. Arguing that in view of the seriousness of the offence, the custodial interrogation and the investigation of the petitioner is essential to uncover the gamut of this scandal.

Going though the submissions in view of the fact that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and to the specific query of this Court, learned State counsel could not pin point any role assigned to the petitioner. In view of the same, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessitated and his joining the investigation would suffice the purpose. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating officer within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and on his doing so, he shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting/investing officer till submission of report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (challan). The petitioner shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that he shall abide by the conditions specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, he will be permitted to furnish regular bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition stands disposed off, accordingly.

August 05, 2020
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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No