

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21108-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.02.2020

Chainchal Kumar @ Chanchal Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Arun Abrol, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.118 dated 28.10.2018 under Sections 420, 380, 406, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the FIR, registered at the instance of National Collateral Management Services Ltd., having its Branch Office at Amritsar, it is alleged that the company provides collateral management services to reputed banks and was working as collateral agency of Punjab National Bank, G.T. Road, Gurdaspur. The stock, which was pledged with the Bank upto 15.06.2017 of different industries, as detailed in the FIR, was in custody of Kamal Kishore, Collateral Manager,

other employee Krishan Kumar and petitioner Chainchal Kumar @ Chanchal Kumar. It is further submitted that in fact, the petitioner was not entrusted with any charge and he has been falsely implicated in the case.

In reply, learned State counsel has, however, opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the petitioner has already been declared a proclaimed offender, whereas two other accused persons Kamal Kishore and Krishan Kumar were arrested and they were granted the concession of regular bail. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurnam Singh, has further opposed the prayer on the ground that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for the purpose of recovering the shortage of paddy and despite the fact that FIR was registered on 28.10.2018, the petitioner is absconding from the Court process and has already been declared as proclaimed offender.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, considering the serious allegations against the petitioner, who has been declared as proclaimed offender, I find no ground to grant him the concession of anticipatory bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No