

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

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**CRM-M-22943-2020(O&M)
Date of Order:17.08.2020**

CHARANJIT SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.R.K.Grewal, Advocate,
for the petitioner

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Navkiran Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is second petition for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in a criminal case arising from FIR No.0031, dated 02.05.2016, registered under Section 420/468/471/120-B IPC, at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala, Punjab.

First application for grant of bail filed by the petitioner was dismissed vide order dated 22.07.2019, passed in CRM-M-31705 of 2018, which is extracted as under:-

“By this order, CRM-M-31705, 34727, 39067 and 52007 of 2018 shall stand disposed of.

In all these petitions, prayer is for grant of pre-arrest bail.

The present FIR has been registered at the behest of Government officials of District Administration who have found that the petitioners who are colonizers/developers have sold the plots to more than 400 people without getting the colony approved. Even some part of the Shamlat land (common land) has also been sold. The colonizers have also sold the land

reserved for roads and parks. The FIR was registered after getting preliminary investigation carries out.

This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at length. It would not be appropriate for this Court to express any opinion on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the case of the parties. In the considered view of this Court, there are serious allegations and District Administration has registered the FIR after getting the preliminary enquiry into the matter. There are 400 plot holders, most of them have already constructed their houses.

In these circumstances, there is no ground to grant extraordinary relief of pre-arrest bail.

All the petitions are dismissed.”

In view of the aforesaid order, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

August 17, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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