

... Petitioner

v/s

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Rajbir Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Bhardwaj, Sr. DAG Punjab.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 10 dated 26.1.2019 under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/120-B IPC registered at Police Station Division No.4, District Patiala.

Briefly, the facts of the case are that one Nachhattar Singh was arrayed as an accused in a criminal case registered under Section 15 of NDPS Act and was granted bail. The bail bonds were furnished to secure his release. The surety was furnished by Amarjit Kaur along with valuation report of the property. The valuation report was got verified and it was found that the same has not been issued under the signature and seal of Sub-Registrar Dhuri and the same was a forged and fictitious one.

It has been stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner is merely an attesting witness that had only identified the surety.

On the contrary, it has been stated by learned State counsel that serious offence has been committed by the petitioner and he had played a

key role and was instrumental in preparing the forged enquiry report and inquiry in the matter was also conducted wherein it had also emerged that petitioner had got prepared the false valuation report.

The petitioner has indulged as a party in submission of the forged document to secure the release of an accused. He was accompanied with the other persons in submission of the false valuation report. There are serious allegations of securing release of an accused by employing fraudulent means and deceiving the Court. The matter requires thorough probe and investigation and the allegations amount to playing fraud upon the Courts. Such like offences cannot be viewed lightly and no exceptional or extra-ordinary circumstances are made out to extend pre-arrest bail.

Dismissed.

09.01.2020

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**(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE**

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