

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-51199-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.01.2020

Gurjant Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. L.S. Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.172 dated 12.10.2019 under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

As per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Branch Mandi Sirhind, father of the petitioner, namely Netar Singh had obtained a loan of Rs.10.00 lacs from the bank in connivance with the Halqa Patwari and other accused, by forging the entries in the jamabandi and has committed the offence. It is further stated in the FIR that the petitioner is a witness to the documents, which were submitted before the Bank and later on, it came to notice of the complainant-Bank that father of the petitioner Netar Singh has already mortgaged the property with Corporation Bank, Branch Cheema Complex, Defence Band, Sirhind, State Bank of Patiala

(now State Bank of India, Branch Manakpur) and IDBI Bank, Branch Tripti. It is also stated that prior to mortgaging the land with the complainant-Bank, by forging the documents and by mortgaging the same land with three different banks, on three different times, loan has been obtained and for the 4th time, it has been obtained from the complainant-Bank.

A perusal of the FIR shows that the petitioner being son of the main accused Netar Singh was a consenting party.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, has opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the allegations of forgery and cheating are apparent from bare perusal of the FIR.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, considering the serious allegations levelled in the FIR, I find no ground to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, as his custodial interrogation is required.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No