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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1664-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision:05.07.2021

MANINDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr. J.S Nagi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.235 dated 30.11.2019 registered under Sections 120-B, 420 of IPC, registered at PS Bhikhi, Mansa.

Perusal of the case would show that initially the FIR was registered for the original offences under Section 120-B and 420 IPC and thereafter, the offences were enhanced under Sections 419, 465, 467, 468 and 471 IPC. The FIR was registered at the instance of complainant Buta Singh who has alleged that the accused, petitioner and others have allured him

for availing loan on lesser interest. The accused persons have charged amounts towards filing charges, advance installments and other payments towards insurance etc.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the story projected by the complainant is not trustworthy as he himself could not smell anything fishy. Complainant allegedly paid an amount of Rs.57,300/- to some unknown financier, whose poster was seen by him in Sangrur. Co-accused Dalvinder Singh has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 03.02.2020 in CRM-M No.3590 of 2020. Co-accused Parveen Singh alias Laddi, Sahil Sukhija and Sunil Kumar are also on regular bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in compliance of the order dated 16.01.2020, the petitioner has joined the investigation to the entire satisfaction of the Investigating Officer.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Bhagwant Singh admitted the aforesaid fact and submitted that the petitioner is no more required for further investigation of the case.

Though the petitioner was directed to join the investigation for the original offences but the Investigating Officer had inadvertently release the petitioner on bail, even for the added offences.

In CRM-M No.3874 of 2021 and CRM-M No.6986 of 2021 of 2021, the petitioner seeks addition of the offences under Sections 419, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 473 IPC in the headnote and prayer clause of the petition.

In view of nature of controversy and joining of investigation by the Police, it would be just and appropriate to allow addition of the offences under Sections 419, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 473 IPC in the headnote and prayer clause of the petition.

In view of aforesaid factual position, the interim order dated 16.01.2020 is made absolute. Petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when required to do so and he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands disposed of.

05.07.2021

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No