

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

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CRM-M-3261-2021

Date of decision : 22.02.2021.

Pawan Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sunil Kumar Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 115 dated 28.09.2020, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Shambu, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is an attesting witness to the agreement to sell dated 09.03.2012 whereby co-accused Manpreet Singh had agreed to sell his land to co-accused Amarjit Singh. It is alleged by the complainant, who is the uncle of co-accused Manpreet Singh, that the land was in their joint ownership and Manpreet Singh had become the owner by forging the signature of his father, namely, Gurmeet Singh. He also contends that co-accused Amarjit Singh has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M No.39563 of 2020. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by order dated 25.01.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the

satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Hardev Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 25.01.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

February 22, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No