

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-5241-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: March 16, 2021

BHAGWAN SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Jagjot Singh Lalli, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.2 dated 07.01.2021, under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, Ludhiana Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations are that the petitioner was the guarantor of the loan which the main accused, namely, Kumari Rani, who was the bank Manager and her husband-Ravinder Singh @ Raju had got sanctioned in the name of the complainant-Gurdeep Singh. The complainant was under the impression that loan of Rs.50,000/- which he had applied for, had not been sanctioned but after the transfer of the aforementioned bank manager, the officials of the bank asked him to make payment to the tune of Rs.9,50,000/-. Thereafter, with the intervention of the Panchayat, the matter was compromised between the complainant and co-accused-Ravinder Sngh @ Raju and he had paid a sum of Rs.5 lacs but Rs.4,62,548/- remained to be paid. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any

other criminal case. It is also contended that the petitioner had a cash credit limit account in the bank with a sanctioned limit of Rs.90,000/- and he had merely visited the bank and at the behest of the then bank manager, namely, Kumari Rani, he had signed the form introducing the complainant for opening the account.

This Court, by the order dated 04.02.2021, 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, on instructions from ASI Gurdev Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 04.02.2021 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

March 16, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No