

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

**CRM-M No. 8254 of 2021
Date of decision: 22.02.2021**

Jaswinder Singh

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 47 dated 23.03.2019, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although the petitioner had been declared as a 'proclaimed offender' on 14.10.2019, but that order has been stayed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court by order dated 04.11.2020 (Annexure P9) passed in CRM-M No. 35818 of 2020, which is listed for hearing on 23.03.2021. He also contends that the petitioner has been granted anticipatory bail in another FIR registered against him.

Heard.

This is the third petition preferred by the petitioner for anticipatory bail. The previous two petitions bearing CRM-M No. 19015 of 2019 and CRM-M No. 28328 of 2019 were dismissed as withdrawn on 29.04.2019 and 08.07.2019, respectively. The petitioner was declared as a

'proclaimed offender' on 14.10.2019 after both the petitions for anticipatory bail had been dismissed. The allegations against the petitioner, who is an advocate, are that the complainant, who is an NRI widow, had given a 'power of attorney' to the petitioner to get the ownership of the land of her late husband changed in her name, but instead of doing so the petitioner had sold the land to another person and pocketed the money. In view of serious allegations against the petitioner and the dismissal of two previous petitions for anticipatory bail, I do not deem it to be a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Consequently, the petition stands dismissed.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

22.02.2021
Ramesh

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