

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

CRM-M-8978-2021(O&M)

Date of decision:01.09.2021

Kewal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. K.S.Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.17 dated 09.02.2021 registered under Sections 406, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, at Police Station Sadar, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the alleged vehicles were not in the possession of the petitioner but were found outside the house of the petitioner and moreover, Harmeet Singh and Gurtej Singh were never made an accused by the police in the present FIR. The petitioner's case cannot be taken at par with Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, who is a Govt. official and the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case. The petitioner has nothing to do with the main accused-Surjit Singh.

Learned State counsel, while opposing the bail petition, on instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, has pointed out that the petitioner has purchased four school vans from outside the State, which have been recovered from the petitioner and further sold to Harmeet Singh and

Sukhwinder Singh. The petitioner is in business of the upgrading the model of the school vans with the connivance of the Regional Transport Official (RTO).

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

As per the prosecution story, the present FIR was registered on a secret information that main accused-Surjit Singh has hatched a conspiracy with his companions, commission agents and the employees of the RTA office and have purchased the school vans/buses of old model from the other states on cheaper rates and, therefore, by changing the model, engine number, chassis number got prepared forged registration certificates showing to be new models and thereafter, selling the same on higher prices. Therefore, the officials of the RTA office as well as other accused, who are non-officials, are into the business of upgrading the models of the school vans/buses which have become reason of accident on the road side and causing fatal and other injuries to the passengers especially the small children.

In view of the above to unearth the racket running the scandal of selling the vehicle on higher prices by upgrading the models, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

No case is made out to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No