

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

**CRM-M-11385-2021
Date of Decision : 12.03.2021**

Paramjeet Kaur @ Paramjit Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

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

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This is a petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 156 dated 07.12.2020 under Sections 420, 406, 409, 467, 468 and 120-B of the IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Sadar, Jagraon, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of complainant-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, it is stated that the petitioner, who is an Ex-Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Dholan, along with Joginderpal Singh, Gram Sewak, has not maintained the record of panchayat properly including panchayat proceedings and cash book during her tenure. On that account, Rs.27,26,033/- was withdrawn from September, 2013 to June, 2016 without passing any resolution and the same has been embezzled by the petitioner and co-accused Joginderpal Singh, who stands arrested.

It is further stated in the FIR that number of pages of the proceedings book were blank and some of these pages were also signed without any contents in it.

An inquiry was conducted at the level of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, who is a competent officer under the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and thereafter, it was recommended to register the aforesaid FIR against the accused persons.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is a lady and has not misappropriated any amount as the record was to be maintained by the Gram Sachiv.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab, who is also appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice of behalf of the respondent-State and opposes the prayer on the ground that there are serious allegations of embezzlement of huge public amount, which was withdrawn by the petitioner and co-accused without following the procedure and without passing any resolution.

Learned State counsel further submits that even notice was given to the petitioner but she did not join the investigation.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting on the merits of the case, considering the serious allegations against the petitioner, I find no ground to grant her concession of anticipatory bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

12.03.2021

Waseem/Chetan

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No