

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

Sr. No.213

CRM-M-14948-2021

Date of decision: 15.09.2021

Gurdeep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh, Advocate for
Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jagmohan Singh Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.103 dated 01.11.2018 registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 511, 120-B IPC at Police Station City Fatehgarh Churian, Police, District Gurdaspur.

Briefly stated, the case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, alongwith his co-accused, forged his Aadhar Card to impersonate as Puran Singh; a registered mortgage deed mortgaging 94 kanals and 18 marlas of Puran Singh's land was also forged by the petitioner and his co-accused; the afore forged documents were produced by the petitioner before the Bank authorities of Punjab and Sind Bank to secure a loan of Rs. 20,00,000/- and revenue documents pertaining to the land in question were also forged for the afore purpose.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; the petitioner has no criminal antecedents; the entire case of the prosecution is based on documents which are already in the custody of the investigating agency; no loan amount had been disbursed to the petitioner or his co-accused and that the petitioner is also ready and willing to join investigation as and when called by the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, who appears on advance notice, opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner, alongwith his co-accused, has forged his Aadhar Card and other documents and resorted to impersonation to secure a loan from a nationalized Bank. He further submitted that for finding out the modus operandi adopted by the petitioner; as to how the petitioner secured the property papers of Puran Singh; who all helped the petitioner in fabricating the documents and that as to whether the petitioner has committed other similar crimes, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary.

After considering the totality of the above circumstances and in particular the seriousness of the crime which include impersonation and forgery of several documents as also to decipher as to who else was a party to the alleged crime, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is considered necessary.

Dismissed.

September 15, 2021
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(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No