

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

**CRM-M-18833 of 2021**

**DECIDED ON: 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**Ajay Kumar Gumber**

**.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**State of Punjab**

**.....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.**

Present: Mr. Atul Goyal, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab.

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**AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)**

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This is a petition seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 374, dated 7.11.2020 under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

The police acting on a secret information raided the house of petitioner (Ajay Kumar Gumber) and one Ranjit Singh @ Rana (now deceased). The information was that the accused in connivance with the other persons were opening the bank accounts in the names of various persons. The blank cheque books and ATM were used for receiving black money from other countries and using it in anti-social and anti-national activities. During the raid conducted from the house of Ranjit Singh @ Rana, following things were recovered:

| S.No. | Name of persons to whom record belong | Detail of Record recovered                                                                                                               |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.    | Maninder Singh                        | (a) Voter Card<br>(b) Cheque Book of Kotak Mahindra Bank.<br>(c) Pass Book of Central Bank of India.                                     |
| 2.    | Ajay Kumar (present petitioner)       | (a) Pass book of Punjab National Bank.<br>(b) Pass book and Cheque book of Canara Bank<br>(c) Pass book and Cheque Book of AXIS Bank     |
| 3.    | Lakhvir Singh                         | (a) Pass book of Bank of India<br>(b) Cheque book of P.N.B.<br>(c) Pass book and cheque book of Canara Bank<br>(d) Cheque Book of S.B.I. |
| 4.    | Gagandeep Singh                       | Cheque book of Axis Bank                                                                                                                 |
| 5.    | Jaspreet Singh                        | Cheque Book of Yes Bank                                                                                                                  |

From the house of the petitioner, a notebook was recovered.

From the details mentioned in the note book, information was obtained from the bank and notices were sent to those persons.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that only case against the petitioner is that the petitioner is having huge sum in his account which itself is not an offence.

Submission is that no details were available in the notebook recovered from the house of the petitioner.

Learned State counsel relies upon the pleading in the reply and submits that a notebook was recovered from the house of the petitioner. It was in pursuance to the information in the notebook that

the statement of concerned persons were recorded, who were not even aware of the bank accounts opened in their name. She submits that the statements are not annexed with the reply as it would hamper the further investigation.

In the case in hand, there are allegations of economic offence. These offences are required to be dealt with in a different manner than the other offences. The persons involved in these offences have a well planned web knitted which needs to be unearth. As per the secret information, the petitioner in connivance with Ranjit Singh and others were involving in international money transaction, rooting it through bank. There is recovery of notebook on which the investigation is proceedings. It is a case where custodial interrogation is required for deeper probe.

No case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail.

Dismissed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned*      *Yes*

*Whether reportable*              *Yes*