

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-18925-2021
Decided on : 13.05.2021

Gurpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr. PC for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.30 dated 02.04.2021 under Sections 420 IPC registered at Police Station Rangar Nangal Police District Batala District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case in hand. It has been further submitted that the petitioner, who was working as Relationship Manager with RBL Bank, neither withdrew the amount of Rs.27 lakhs (Rs.13 lakhs by forging the signatures of the complainant and another amount of Rs.14 lakhs by misusing the cheques) nor withdrew Rs.2 lakhs from the prudential insurance from the account of the complainant. He further submits that it cannot be believed that petitioner could have withdrawn the amount, which was lying in the form of FDRs, by forging the signatures of the complainant as the amount of FDRs as per the procedure had to be credited in the account of the account-holder only and could not have landed in the hands of some other person.

Mr. Maneet Arya, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and has submitted that when the crime came to the notice of the complainant soon thereafter, the petitioner entered into a compromise with her to the effect that he would pay Rs.30,000/- per month to her out of the amount allegedly withdrawn from her account. He further submits that in the circumstances it is clearly evident that the petitioner was indeed guilty and conscious of the crime that he had committed otherwise he would not have entered into any compromise with the complainant.

Heard.

A perusal of the FIR in question reveals that the petitioner, who was working in the RBL bank, lured the complainant into depositing an amount of Rs. 27.00 Lakhs in the shape of FDRs, which he later on withdrew by forging the signatures of the complainant.

Prima facie, there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner, which do not entitle him to the grant of concession of anticipatory bail. Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No