

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

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**CRM-M-20946-2021(O&M)
Date of decision: 27.05.2021**

AJAY KUMAR

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

**Present: Mr. J.S.Ghuman, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Mr. R.S.Thind, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

The petitioner prays for pre-arrest bail in FIR No.144 dated 26.12.2020, registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 IPC, at Police Station City Nakodar, District Jalandhar Rural.

The FIR was registered on the application submitted by Balkar Singh son of Kartar Singh, resident of Village Bhullar. He alleges that he is working as a labourer and on the basis of a forged ration card and driving licence, a false account was opened in his name in Capital Local Area Bank, Nakodar, District Jalandhar. He further alleges that on receipt of notice from the Income Tax Department to explain the transactions of more than Rs.28,00,000/-, he became aware of the account and on further inquiry, it was found that an account has been opened in his name by using forged and fabricated documents. He has also alleged that he has never signed any

account opening form. On investigation, it was found that Ajay Kumar (petitioner herein) son of Late Ravinder Kumar, who was also working in the same bank at the relevant time had opened the account and Jitender kumar had signed as introducer.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a co-accused Jitender Kumar has already been granted interim pre-arrest bail. He further contends that the beneficiary in the present incident is a firm, which is based in Nakodar.

As per the police investigation as of now, the petitioner is the main accused and a bank account has been opened in the name of a labourer and transactions of more than Rs.28,00,000/- have been made, therefore, the matter needs thorough investigation. As per prosecution agency, the role of the petitioner herein and Jitender Kumar is different.

Hence, no ground to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed.

May 27, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes / No

Whether Reportable :Yes / No

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**