

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21969-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 21.12.2021

RAJWINDER SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Rajiv Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.21 dated 23.02.2021, under Sections 381, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that six cheques had been stolen from the office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner and the money was misappropriated, but no action has been taken against the senior official of the society, who was the custodian of the cheques. He further contends that the petitioner was working as a Peon/'Sewadar' in the office. There are several discrepancies in the version of the complainant as the cheque of a later number i.e. 680918 is stated to have been deposited on 23.08.2018 in the account of co-accused while the cheque of a previous number i.e. 680714 was deposited on 09.09.2020. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case and co-accused, namely, Malkiat Singh @ Malkeet and Kuldeep Singh have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M-18525 of 2021 and CRM-M-20068 of 2021 respectively.

This Court, by the order dated 18.11.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Harmesh Lal, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 18.11.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

21.12.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No