

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

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CRM-M-29143-2021 (O&M)

Date of Order:27.07.2021

Ruby Garg and others

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Saurabh Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

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

This is the second petition for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in a criminal case arising from FIR No.72, dated 22.05.2019, registered under Section 420/506/120-B IPC, at Police Station Kotwali, Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab.

On 22.10.2019 the previous petition was dismissed with the following orders:-

“By this order, both the aforementioned petitions bearing CRM-M-33148-2019 and CRM-M-42345-2019, shall stand disposed of.

Petitioners in both the petitions pray for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0072 dated 22.05.2019 registered under Sections 420/506/120-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Kotwali, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Chamkaur Singh, has submitted that there are number of cases against petitioner No.1 and her husband. In fact, Crown Credit Cooperative Society Limited has collected huge investments from innocent villagers by promising higher returns and now they are refusing to pay the amount. He further informed the Court that there are almost 100 FIRs against Crown Credit Cooperative Society Limited, in the State of Punjab.

*In view thereof, there is no ground to grant concession of pre-arrest bail.
Accordingly, both the petitions are dismissed.”*

The learned counsel representing the petitioners contends that after having entered into a settlement, the first informant is now going back on his promise. He further submits that after entering into the compromise, two properties belonging to the petitioners have also been executed in favour of the first informant.

In the considered view of this Court, the settlement, if any, with the first informant does not absolve the petitioners' from the offences committed by them. This Bench has already noticed that there are around 100 FIRs against the Crown Credit Cooperative Society Limited. The allegations are that after alluring the innocent villagers by promising higher return, the petitioners are now refusing to refund the invested amount.

Hence, no ground to grant the pre-arrest bail to the petitioners is made out.

Dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

July 27, 2021
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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