

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 209

CRM-M-32200-2020

Date of decision : 18.01.2021

Ghuman Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mohd.Yousaf, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Amit Mehta, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Through the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. the petitioner seeks the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.98 dated 23.08.2020, registered under Sections 420/465/467/468/471 IPC at Police Station Sandhaur, Tehsil Malerkotla, district Sangrur.

The petitioner is sought to be prosecuted for getting an electric connection in his name after forging the signatures of his brother and thereafter transferring such connection in the name of some other person.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's father expired on 29.07.2006; thereafter in the year 2007 on the basis of a compromise between the petitioner and his brother the electricity connection in question had been transferred in his name; the present FIR has been lodged after an unexplained delay of 13 years due to recent differences between the petitioner and his brother; the entire case of the prosecution is based on documents and therefore custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required; there is no other criminal case in which the petitioner is involved and that under the interim orders passed by this Court the petitioner has not only joined the investigation but has also fully cooperated with the investigating

Learned State counsel submits that under the interim orders passed by this Court the petitioner has shown his *bona fide* by joining the investigation and cooperating with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

Keeping in view the totality of the above noticed facts especially the statement made by the learned State counsel that the petitioner has joined the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required, the order of this Court dated 27.10.2020, granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

Nothing observed herein-above shall be considered to be an expression of opinion by this Court on the merits of the case.

18.01.2021
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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

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