

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

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CRM-M-38962-2020

Date of decision : 19.01.2021

Sant Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Baldev Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 157 dated 16.09.2020, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Jaitu, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had purchased the land from Prem Singh, who was duly recorded as owner in the revenue record. It is alleged in the FIR that Prem Singh had wrongfully become owner of the land which belonged to his sister Bhago, as the land was transferred in the name of Prem Singh by impersonation of Bhago, who had already expired. Prem Singh is the father of the petitioner and Lachhman Singh is his brother. He also contends that co-accused, namely, Harjinder Kaur has been granted *ad interim* anticipatory bail by order dated 24.11.2020 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M No.38773 of 2020.

This Court, by order dated 26.11.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered 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 Daljit Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 26.11.2020 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

January 19, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No