

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

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CRM-M-43943-2020

Date of decision : 04.01.2021

Narinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Rajinder Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.174 dated 15.10.2020, under Sections 420, 408, 381 IPC, registered at Police Station Khamano, district Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was working as a manager in the petrol pump at a fixed salary and on account of dispute for the payment of salary, the petitioner has been involved in the FIR. He also contends that in the earlier FIR No.147 dated 20.08.2020 registered at Police Station Khamano, the petitioner had been granted anticipatory bail.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and contends that earlier FIR pertains to the allegations with regard to the Arms Act and the instant case has been registered on the complaint of Raj Kumari, who is widow of Late Ram Lal, who was the owner of the petrol pump. Ram Lal was diagnosed with

serious illness in the year 2017-18 and during that period, the petitioner, who was working as a manager, at a salary of about ₹12,000/- per month had misappropriated money and tempered with ledgers. He had deposited a sum of about ₹40 lacs in his individual account wherein his brother is the nominee. After demise of Ram Lal, the complainant and her daughter started managing the petrol pump and the misappropriation came to their knowledge.

Mr. Preetinder Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and states that it is a case of embezzlement of huge amount of money which has been deposited in the account of the petitioner and the records including ledger was also tempered.

In view of the serious allegations against the petitioner of duping a widow and her daughter by misappropriating a huge amount of money which had allegedly been deposited in his individual account, I do not deem it a fit case to grant him concession of anticipatory bail. Consequently, the petition stands dismissed.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 04, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No