

105 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-51955-2021
Date of Decision: 14.12.2021

SANJEEV KUMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Deepak Sibal

Present: Mr.Arun Takhi, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.Amandeep Singh Gill, Senior D.A.G., Punjab

Deepak Sibal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner, a proclaimed offender, has approached this Court under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.79 dated 01.08.2018 registered under Sections 406, 409, 420 IPC at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Briefly stated, the case of the prosecution is that Rs.13 lakhs was lying unaccounted for in Kot Fatuhi Sub Post Office. The petitioner, who had been engaged to serve the post office against a vacant post as Gramin Dak Sevak Mail Carrier-cum-Pocker, opened a savings account in the name of one Jaspreet Singh by forging his signatures and then, with the help of his co-accused, managed to transfer the aforesaid unaccounted amount in Jaspreet Singh's account and withdrew the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter-alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; there is no other criminal case pending against him; the entire embezzled amount stands re-paid and

that the petitioner is also ready and willing to join investigation as and when called by the investigating agency.

Admittedly, in the case in hand, vide order of the Trial Court dated 21.12.2019 the petitioner has been declared a proclaimed offender.

In the light of the above conduct of the petitioner as also for the reason that he along with his co-accused is accused of having embezzled Rs.13 lakhs no ground is made out to grant him the concession of anticipatory bail.

Dismissed.

14.12.2021
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(Deepak Sibal)
Judge

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