

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

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CRM-M-52931-2019

Date of decision : 15.11.2021.

Sohan Lal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. B.K. Bagri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.259 dated 29.10.2018, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Kosli, District Rewari.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is the attesting witness of the sale deed between the complainant and the landowner-Meghraj. It is alleged in the FIR that somebody had impersonated Meghraj. He, however, contends that the father of the complainant had the possession of the land in question as *Gair Marusi* and therefore, it would be improbable that the complainant would not know the identity of the landowner. He also contends that the possession of the land in question remains with the complainant. The petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 25.02.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join 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 SI Parmanand, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is not cooperating.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 25.02.2020 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

November 15, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No