

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

CRM-M-6914 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 28th March, 2022

Rajender Singh Sangwan

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. R.S. Kundu, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana and
Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking anticipatory bail in case of FIR No.5 dated 28.5.2020, under Sections 120-B, 218, 409, 420, 466, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 13(2), 13(1) (c), 13(2) of PC Act, 1988, registered at Police Station State Vigilance Bureau, Karnal.

The case set up was that there was embezzlement of Scholarship to be given under Post Metric Scholarship Scheme, providing scholarship to schedule caste and backward class students.

The accused in connivance with each other had played their specific role to siphoned off the scholarship. The petitioner is a Deputy Director in Social Welfare Department.

The FIR is of May 2020, the petitioner remained in custody in another FIR from 20.12.2019 to 27.3.2020, having similar allegations.

Learned State counsel argued that the petitioner was evading arrest since May 2020 and sought time to file affidavit regarding the steps taken during the intervening period.

Affidavit dated 22.3.2022 of Kamaljeet, HPS Deputy Superintendent of Police, State Vigilance Bureau Unit Jind, Police Station State Vigilance Bureau, Karnal Range, Karnal, is filed.

As per the reply filed, the petitioner was served a notice under Section 160 Cr.P.C. but instead of joining investigation, he filed petition for grant of anticipatory bail.

Learned State counsel on instructions submits that considering the nature of allegations in the present case, in case the petitioner joins investigation, his arrest may not be needed and in case his custody is required he would be given seven days prior notice.

In view of the statement made by learned counsel for petitioner, the petition is disposed of subject to the petitioner's joining investigation on 7.4.2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Vigilance Bureau Office, Karnal Range, Karnal.

28th March, 2022

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*
Whether reportable *No*