

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

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**CRM-M-7870-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.02.2022**

CHARANJIT SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Ranjeet K. Jaswal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl.A.G., Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The hearing of the case is being held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is the petitioner's 3rd attempt to get the pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.31, dated 02.05.2016, registered under Section 420/468/471/120-B IPC (later on added Section 447 IPC and Section 13-A of the Punjab Village Common Lands Act) at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

While dismissing the second petition for grant of pre-arrest bail, on 01.10.2020, this Court directed the State of Punjab to explore the possibility of constituting a Special Investigating Team under the Chairmanship of senior IPS officer to go to the root of the matter. There are serious allegations of including the Shamlat land as well as the government's land in an unauthorized colony.

The learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that the colony has now been approved. The petitioner owes an explanation as to how he evaded arrest for the last 7 years.

On a court question, the learned counsel representing the petitioner has submitted that he was involved in the 'Kisan Andolan'.

The Kisan Andolan only continued for a period of one year. There was no prohibition in arresting the accused only because he has actively participated in the Kisan Andolan.

Hence, no ground to grant the pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, is made out.

Dismissed.

February 24, 2022

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**