

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

CRM-M-8470-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision:28.02.2022
(Heard through VC)

YASHVEER SHARMA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Dr. Rau P. S. Girwar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.102 dated 18.10.2021 registered under Section 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Cantt, Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner was working as an Accountant with the Army Public School Bathinda on contract basis whereas co-accused/the then Principal Ms. Anisha Ghuman used her chair capacity to pressurize the petitioner. All the transactions were made under the instructions of co-accused/ex-principal, who is now on bail. It is further submitted that the ex-principal used to threaten the petitioner to make arrangement of money and that was the reason the petitioner had resigned from her job in the month of October 2020.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. He opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by contending that there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Admittedly, the petitioner, being an Accountant, used to maintain the accounts of the school, who had resigned in the month of October 2020. However, during the audit conducted for the year 2020-21, the embezzlement of funds was found. Even during enquiry, it was found that the ex-principal and the petitioner, after conniving with each other, were found responsible for the transfer of funds from the account of the school in the accounts of different persons, including the brother-in-law of the petitioner.

As far as the case of co-accused/Anisha Ghuman is concerned, the petitioner is not on similar footing with her as she was granted bail because the various inadequacies in the working of the Accountant was found during her tenure as Principal in the said school.

Therefore, finding no merit in the present petition, the same is hereby dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes/No
Whether reportable? Yes/No