

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

CRM-M-20325 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 18th May, 2022

Gurpreet Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. K.S. Sekhon, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.27 dated 22.3.2022, under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Bariwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

The brief facts of the case are that the FIR was registered at the instance of Jagjivan Singh. As per the allegations, Gurbaj Singh @ Balraj Singh and Judge Singh @ Jujj Singh secured a deal for the complainant for purchasing the land of Lakhwinder Singh and Davinder Kaur. Rs. 5,50,000 was paid as earnest money. At the time of executing the sale deed it transpired that forged aadhaar card of Davinder Kaur was being used to purchase *e-Stamp* papers. It was further alleged that Chinderpal Kaur impersonated as Davinder Kaur, her photo was affixed on the Aadhaar card and she signed as Davinder Kaur. The role attributed to the petitioner is that he was present in the shop when the complainant went to Sub Tehsil Bariwala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is no participation of the petitioner in the alleged transaction or forging of documents. He was merely present at the shop. There is no allegations of forgery against him. The petitioner is in custody since 22.3.2022. No recovery was made. He relied upon the fact that co-accused was granted interim anticipatory bail.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for bail.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner and the fact that as on date no recovery is to be made, conclusion of trial is likely to take time, co-accused was granted interim anticipatory bail, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

18th May, 2022

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>