

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

**CRM-M-22691 of 2022 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: 6th July, 2022**

Salman

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Balraj Gujjar, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Aggrieved of rejection of prayer for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.304 dated 3.4.2022, under Section 379 IPC 1860, registered at Police Station Camp Palwal, District Palwal (Haryana), the present petition is filed.

The FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint received from Electricity Department alleging that old meters and wires were stolen from the complaint center. The stolen material was recovered from the shop of petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is not named in the FIR. The petitioner is a *Scrap dealer*, some official of the department sold the recovered stolen material to the petitioner as *Scrap*.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that *modus-operandi* needs to be unearthed.

The observations made hereinafter shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

The electricity meter and wires were stolen from the complaint office of the Electricity Department. Some of the stolen material was recovered from the shop of the petitioner. Even as per the contentions of learned counsel for petitioner, the recovered electricity meter were sold by the official of the Electricity Department.

Considering the nature of allegations, a deeper probe is required to unearth the nexus between the department official and the petitioner.

No case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail.

Dismissed.

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

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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