

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-38259-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 20.01.2022

ROSHAN LAL

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ashok Kumar Khunger, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0101 dated 23.07.2021, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the complainant along with his father and brother Angrej Singh had executed an agreement to sell 39 kanal 9 marla land in favour of Sandeep Kumar on 01.03.2021 and they received ₹15,00,000/- as earnest money from Sandeep Kumar. The sale deed was to be registered on 20.05.2021. It is further alleged that on 22.04.2021, purchaser Sandeep Kumar paid another amount of ₹14,00,000/- as additional earnest money, as the land was mortgaged with the banks. The allegations against the petitioner are that he along with other accused started spreading rumours in the village that the father of the complainant Jangir Singh had already executed an agreement to sell with regard to land measuring 20 kanal 2 marla in favour of Gurnam Singh. He further contends that no money was received by the petitioner

either from the complainant or from any other person and the petitioner is not an attesting witness to any of the agreements. He also contends that the possession of the land is with the father of the complainant. Co-accused Roop Singh has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM No. M-35660 of 2021.

This Court, by the order dated 22.12.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Bhajan Lal, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 22.12.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

20.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No