

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

CRM-M-34674 of 2020 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 23rd May, 2022

Shiv Lal Doda

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Gautam Dutt, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 157 dated 9.7.2020, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 384, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City 1 Abohar, District Fazilka.

As per the case set up, an agreement to sell for a land at Fazilka was entered in the year 2013 between Galaxy Embroidery Private Limited and Nature Heights Infra Limited. The land was sold by Galaxy Embroidery Private Limited to a Company in which the family members of the petitioner are the Directors. The role attributed to the petitioner is that while in custody in another case, he threatened the son of Asha Rani (complainant) who was also in same jail in some another case, to execute sale deed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that other co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court and by the Supreme Court. He further submits that the petitioner in this case was brought on production warrants on 12.9.2020 and no recovery was made from the petitioner. Investigation is complete. The petitioner was neither the beneficiary of the sale transaction nor was present when the sale deed was executed.

Learned State counsel on instructions opposes the prayer and submits that the allegations against the petitioner are of serious. The complainant was deprived/duped of her hard earned money. Petitioner is involved in other cases.

The observations made hereinafter are only for the purpose of deciding the bail petition and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Having conspectus of the facts, considering the nature of allegations against the petitioner as also that co-accused were granted anticipatory bail, though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, 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.

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

23rd 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>