

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.46776 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 01.02.2022

Jagga Singh

..... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGANPresent: Mr. Vikram Anand, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Avneesh Jhingan, J. (Oral)

Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

This petition has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail in case of FIR No.45 dated 04.05.2021 under Section 379-B, 419, 420 and 120-B, IPC (Section 411, IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case of petitioner is at parity with co-accused namely Kuldeep Singh. The submission is that the role attributed to the petitioner is that he was one of the unknown persons named in the FIR who impersonated as Vigilance Officers.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Rangdev Singh is not in a position to dispute the factum of parity of petitioner viz-a-viz Kuldeep Singh for grant of anticipatory bail. The only difference being that Kuldeep Singh also raised the identification dispute.

Considering that similarly situated co-accused were granted anticipatory bail by this Court, the petitioner is granted interim bail subject to his

joining the investigation within two weeks. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the investigating officer. He is directed to join investigation as and when called for. He shall be bound by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition is allowed.

In case of failure of the petitioner to join the investigation, the State would be at liberty to file an application for recalling of this order.

1st February, 2022

Sonia Puri

**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No