

**Date of decision: 10.05.2023**

**...PETITIONER**

## ...RESPONDENT

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instant case. No enquiry in the matter was conducted and even, as per Haryana Land Records Manual, the petitioner is not in any manner concerned with the distribution of the amount.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail application and has contended that the investigation in the matter is still pending. It is emerging that the compensation to the tune of Rs.9.25 crores approximately pertaining to nine villages has been misappropriated. In the investigation, it has emerged that a sum of Rs.40,00,000/- has been siphoned off pertaining to one village. The amount has been diverted in the accounts of Sonia, Bittu, Ankit and Monika and they have not joined the investigation despite issuance of notice. The matter with respect to eight villages is still under investigation. The allegations against the petitioner are to the effect that he had forged the signatures of Tehsildar and Kanungo and thereafter, the compensation has been disbursed in the account of the persons who were not entitled to receive the same and are not even land owners of the concerned village.

5. In the event, any superior officer of the petitioner had raised a demand of illegal gratification, there is nothing to indicate that the matter was reported by the petitioner before any authority. Moreover, the magnitude of fraud is stated to be to the extent of Rs.9.25 crores approximately and pertaining to nine villages. The amount of compensation pertaining to one village has been diverted in the account of four separate persons who are stated to be not entitled to receive the compensation. Even, those persons have not joined the investigation despite issuance of notice. The compensation lists have been alleged to be prepared by the petitioner by forging the signatures of the Tehsildar and the Kanungo. The opinion of the handwriting expert is yet to be procured.

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appearing on record, no extraordinary circumstances are made out to extend the concession the pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

6. In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

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(VIVEK PURI)  
JUDGE

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