

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21378-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 18.1.2023

Ranjit Singh

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. S.K.Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen Kumar Sheoran, DAG, Haryana.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal case having FIR No.0540 dated 4.10.2018 registered under Sections 417, 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC at Police Station Shahabad, District Kurukshetra.

FIR in this case was registered alleging that the petitioner was not matriculate and he furnished fake matriculation certificate of Karnataka State Council Intermediate and Higher Education for the year 1993-94 when he contested the election and was elected as Sarpanch of the village in 2016.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that term of Sarpanch of the petitioner expired in January, 2021 and at the time of contesting the said election of Sarpanch, the petitioner submitted all the concerned documents and the same were scrutinized and found to be genuine by the concerned authority. He further submits that all the alleged documents are also

available with District Administration and could be taken by the police from

there in case they are required by it for purpose of investigation in the present case. He further submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation by virtue of order of interim bail which is operating in his favour.

State counsel on instructions from SI Om Parkash has admitted that the petitioner joined the investigation with the police. He has not disputed the fact that at the time of contesting the election of Sarpanch, the petitioner submitted concerned documents including certificates relating to his educational qualification and no objection regarding the same was ever raised by District Administration.

As the concerned documents are already available with the concerned Government authorities and the entire case is based on documentary evidence, no purpose is going to be served by subjecting the petitioner to custodial interrogation at this point of time.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 8.8.2022 is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

January 18, 2023
Paritosh Kumar

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