

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.102

CRM-M-24052-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 11.05.2023

Sunder Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Dr. Pankaj Nanhera, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Grewal, DAG, Haryana

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.269 dated 31.12.2022, registered at Police Station Rozka Meo, District Nuh, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B & 409 IPC.

According to the contents of the FIR, the petitioner and others were involved in embezzlement of MGNREGA funds by creating fake accounts in the name of MGNREGA workers by showing some work to have been executed through such workers. The petitioner is the Panchayat Secretary of one of the Gram Panchayats and is stated to have verified the attendance despite knowing that no physical work was done by the labour.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in the FIR itself, it has been stated that the petitioner had refused to verify the signature on the muster roll which clearly shows that the petitioner was not involved in the fraudulent acts complained of. Thus, he may be granted the concession of anticipatory bail.

The submission is mis-placed and is based on mis-reading of

verified by the petitioner, but during the course of investigation, he refused to verify the signature of one Mr. Sahi Ram, MGNREGA Mate. Accordingly, it cannot be said that the petitioner had no role to play.

In view of the above, the petition is dismissed being without merit.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

11.05.2023.
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No