

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-18583-2024

Date of Decision.:18.04.2024

Lakhwinder Singh

Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.23 dated 20.03.2024 registered under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468, 471 of the IPC registered at Police Station Mamdot, District Ferozepur.

As per prosecution allegations, petitioner obtained a loan of ₹8,28,000/- from PADB. To settle the said account, he was issued a *No Objection Certificate* by the bank on 23.11.2021 and on that basis he got the land redeemed from the revenue department.

However, it emerged that no payment had been made and that the *No Objection Certificate* had been forged in connivance with the revenue officials.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner had made the payment to the Field Officer in cash, who issued the Clearance Certificate and that then Halqa Patwari redeemed the land.

However, on specific enquiry by this Court, learned counsel is unable to convince this Court regarding the details of the payment or the source from where the petitioner had obtained the amount, for making payment.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State and opposes the petition by submitting that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary to unearth the entire truth as to how he procured the forged ‘No Objection Certificate’.

Having regard to nature of allegations, it appears that custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be required to unearth the entire truth.

No ground for grant of anticipatory bail is made out.

Dismissed.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

April 18, 2024
Neetika Tuteja

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No