

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**2024:PHHC:057438
CRM-M-20359-2024
Date of decision: April 25, 2024**

PARAMJIT SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. A. K. Khunger, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Kamaldip Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0047 dated 18.03.2024 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City-1 Abohar, District Fazilka.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits that he has been falsely implicated in the present case, for his purported involvement along with the co-accused in the illegal transfer of the agricultural land belonging to the complainant. While drawing the attention of this Court to the allegations levelled in the FIR, it has been contended that the petitioner, a Patwari, has an unblemished record, devoid of any prior involvement in any criminal case. Rather, he has been roped in the present case as a convenient scapegoat due to an ongoing civil litigation between the complainant and the co-accused.

3. Moreover, it has been highlighted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the alleged entry in revenue records regarding the ownership of

the agricultural land, was incorporated in the name of the co-accused on account of a human error, which was rectified and corrected by the revenue authorities even prior to the registration of the FIR in question. Additionally, it has been asserted by the learned counsel that the complainant, on account of this inadvertent human error, had not suffered any losses, as the co-accused, in whose names the entries had been made, have repaid the loan amount acquired through the alleged fraudulent documentation to the bank.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material placed on record.

5. *Prima facie*, the petitioner is facing grave and specific allegations of intentionally facilitating the illegal transfer of the complainant’s land by deceitfully entering incorrect information in the revenue records under the names of the co-accused. Subsequently, leveraging these false entries, the co-accused managed to secure loans from the bank by using the lands of the complainant as collateral. Allegedly, as a Patwari, the petitioner facilitated the inclusion of the names of the co-accused in the revenue records.

6. Given the severity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner,, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. The petition stands dismissed.

8. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

April 25, 2024
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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