

2024.PHHC:171527



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

CRA-S-3989-2024

Date of Decision : 19.12.2024

AJIT SINGH LAUNGIA

.....Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR.

....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate,
for the appellant(s).

Ms. Avneet, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI. J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant appeal, challenge is thrown to the order dated 26.11.2024, wherethrough, the application for grant of pre-arrest bail, to the appellant has been declined by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala, in case FIR No.19, dated 16.02.2021, registered under Section(s) 420, 379 and 120-B of the IPC, and under Section 13A of the Punjab Village Common Land Regulation Act, 1981, at Police Station Ghanaur (Annexure P-1).

2. In asking for the relief (*supra*), learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant was earlier granted the relief of anticipatory bail by the learned Sessions Judge, Patiala, vide order dated 17.03.2021 and 25.03.2021 (Annexure P-2 and P-3 respectively), however, now he has apprehension to be re-arrested as the provisions of Section 3 of the SC/ST Act, has not been incorporated in the FIR(*supra*).

3. He further submits that the appellant was at the post of Joint Registrar, at the time, when the GPA was got registered.

4. He also submits that primarily no offence, whatsoever, under Section 3 of the SC/ST Act, is made out from the perusal of the instant FIR.

3. He in addition submits that the appellant is ready and willing to appear before the learned trial Court concerned, in case an adequate protection is granted to him.

4. Notice issued to respondent no.2 vide order dated 09.12.2024, has been received back served, however, no one caused appearance on his behalf.

5. Learned State counsel, has filed a status report, dated 18.12.2024, by way of an affidavit of Sh.Harmanpret Singh, SP, Circle Ghanaur, District Patiala, today in Court, which is taken on record.

6. This Court has heard the learned counsel for the appellant, and has gone through the entire case file.

7. Since an innocuous and a *bona fide* prayer has been made by learned counsel for the appellant, this Court directs the appellant to cause appearance before the learned trial Court concerned within 10 days from today.

8. In case the appellant cause appearance before the learned trial Court concerned, within the stipulated time, he shall be released on interim regular bail by the latter concerned, subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the latter concerned.

9. **Disposed of** accordingly.
10. All pending application(s), if any, also stand **disposed** of accordingly.

19.12.2024
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No