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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.64145 of 2023
Date of Decision: 29.10.2025
Reserved on: 14.10.2025

Shavinder Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Ankit Bishnoi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ramta Chowdhary, DAG, Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

Ms. Puja Chopra, Advocate,
for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking anticipatory bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
91	25.08.2023	Mallanwala, District Ferozepur	199, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC

2. Brief facts relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that the aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint filed by complainant Manpreet Kaur alleging that her husband Daljit Singh had died on 02.12.2021 in a road side accident. After the

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death of her husband, the behaviour of members of her in-laws family had worsened towards her and they started harassing her. They threw her out of her matrimonial house in March 2022 and proclaimed that she would not be getting any share in the property left by her husband. In connivance with each other and in order to deprive the complainant and her minor daughter of their rights from the property of her husband, they sold the Fortuner car bearing registration No.PB-05-AJ-0023 owned by her husband, after about six months of his death by forging the signatures of her husband and by showing him to be alive. They also prepared false and fabricated sale letter and affidavit. The petitioner attested those documents as a witness while fully knowing that Daljit Singh had already died. She alleged that the Fortuner car was sold for a sum of Rs.40 lakhs and the entire money was usurped by the petitioner and the co-accused and thereby they had cheated her and committed fraud with her and deprived her of her rights in the car in question, she prayed for taking action in the matter.

3. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings have been initiated and are underway. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner who is father-in-law of the complainant, filed an application for grant of anticipatory bail which had been dismissed by the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Ferozepur vide order dated 05.10.2023.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He has already joined and is ready to join further investigation. His custodial interrogation is not required. Infact,

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the Fortuner car had been purchased by his son by availing loan of Rs.25 lakhs. After the death of his son on 02.12.2021, the petitioner had been regularly making payment of loan instalments. Subsequently, it was decided to sell the car. The complainant and his wife had sworn an affidavit thereby authorizing him to sell the said car. The car broker had procured his signatures on some blank papers/forms and had shown that the petitioner had attested the signatures of Daljit Singh who was registered owner of the car as a witness, though the petitioner never intended to do so and also did not know that the car broker had done so. After sale of the car , the entire remaining loan amount of Rs.8,21,587/- had been paid by him to the petitioner. The subject offences are not attracted against him. His custodial interrogation is not required. The case is based on documentary evidence. No recovery is to be effected from him. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. Learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

6. Per contra, learned counsel for the complainant has argued that there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner who in connivance with the co-accused got prepared an affidavit shown to be sworn by his deceased son Daljit Singh by forging the signatures of his son and identifying the same. He had managed to sell the car in which the complainant had a lawful right and had usurped the sale consideration

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amount to himself. There is a prima facie case for commission of offences of cheating and forgery against him. His custodial interrogation is must for conducting proper investigation. It is, therefore, urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

7. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

8. The case is based on documentary evidence. The petitioner has already joined investigation. Given the nature of the allegations, this Court is of the considered opinion that pre trial incarceration of the petitioner would not serve any fruitful purpose. As such, a case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 20.12.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute and subject to furnishing of personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer, if the same have not been furnished so far and further subject to the following conditions:-

(i) the petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and shall appear before the Investigating officer/Arresting officer as and when required.

(ii) He shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer.

(iii) He shall not commit any similar offence while on bail.

(iv) He shall not leave the country without prior permission of

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the Court.

9. In case of violation of any of the above conditions, the jurisdictional Court shall be empowered to consider the application for cancellation, if any, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.
10. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

29.10.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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