

**103 CRM-M-39210-2023**

**TARSEM SINGH VS STATE OF PUNJAB**

Present: Mr. Arjun Kapur, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Ms. Navreet K. Barnala, AAG, Punjab.

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1. This petition is filed for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.122, dated 18.07.2023, under Section 406 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Pasyana, District Patiala.

2. The brief facts are that the FIR was registered at the instance of Chand Singh, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Village Bathoyee Khurd, Tehsil and District Patiala. As per the allegations, the auction money of shamlat land for the year 2021-22 amounting to Rs.4,00,000/- was handed over to petitioner who was Chairman of Block Samiti to deposit the same in office of BDPO, Patiala but the needful was not done.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case of false implication, petitioner was Chairman Block Samiti and had no role in receiving or depositing the auction money. He further submits that petitioner to show his *bona fide* has deposited Rs.2,00,000/- with JMIC Patiala subject to outcome of the trial.

4. Learned counsel for the State on instructions opposes the prayer and submits that petitioner was specifically named in the FIR and a role has been attributed.

5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, considering that petitioner to show his *bona fide* has deposited Rs.2,00,000/-, the allegations are yet to be substantiated, his antecedents are clean, *prima facie* no case is made out for custodial interrogation at this stage, the petitioner is granted interim bail subject to his joining investigation within a week. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. He is directed to join the investigation as and when called for. He shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

6. List on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)**  
**JUDGE**

21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023  
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