

**BEFORE THE COURT OF POONAM BANSAL
SPECIAL JUDGE, GURASPUR (UID No.PB0190)**

BA-2794-2026
CNR No. PBGD01-006715-2026
Date of Order : 17.06.2026

Harjinder Singh Versus State of Punjab

FIR Number: 03 dated 22.02.2026
Under Sections: 13 (1)(a),13(2) of Prevention of
Corruption Act 1988 and sections 409,420,463,467,471,120-
B of Indian Penal Code.
Police Station : Vigilance Bureau Range Amritsar

Application for bail U/s 482 BNSS

Present: Sh.Gurjot Singh, Adv, counsel for applicant
Learned Additional P. P for State

ORDER:

1. This order of mine shall dispose of bail application U/s 482 BNSS filed on behalf of accused/applicant **Harjinder Singh** for grant of bail.
2. Notice of the application was issued to the State and police record produced.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant has argued that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated on the basis of conjectures and assumptions. The applicant is serving as Panchayat Secretary and has throughout discharged his official duties strictly in accordance with the rules, regulations and instructions issued by the government from time to time. The fact of the matter is that the applicant/accused who was working as Panchayat Secretary, was not directly or indirectly involved in any alleged embezzlement, misappropriation or forgery as alleged in the FIR. The departmental enquiry committee failed to specify the exact role

of the applicant/accused in the alleged irregularities. The entire case of the prosecution is based upon official records and documentary evidence which are already in the possession of the Investigating Agency. No recovery whatsoever is to be effected from the applicant/accused. Applicant/accused is not involved in any malpractice. The applicant/accused has no concern qua the allegations of amalgamation, misappropriation, irregular transfer of funds to the account of BDPO and forging of some documents. The entire case of the prosecution is based upon documentary evidence. Nothing is to be recovered from the applicant/accused. The applicant is ready to join investigation and custodial interrogation of applicant is not required. Accordingly, he has prayed for grant of bail to the applicant.

4. Per contra learned Additional PP for the State opposed the bail application and prayed for its dismissal.

5. Rival contentions of both the sides have been heard and the record has been perused with due care and circumspection.

6. As per FIR, Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab has got conducted a departmental enquiry. A committee was constituted and three reports dated 22.11.2022, 08.01.2024 and 12.02.2024 were considered by the department and an official letter was written by the Director Department of Rural Development and Panchayats to the Director of Vigilance Bureau S.A.S Nagar, Mohali for registering the FIR. During enquiry, it was found that **Rs.1,93,36,395/-** was misappropriated/embezzled by the accused persons i.e. Rs. 1,14,67,826/- over expenditure and Rs. 78,68,569/- pertaining to forged

bills/vouchers. Apart from this, there are also allegations of amalgamation, misappropriation, irregular transfer of funds to the account of BDPO, forging of some documents against all the accused persons.

7. Applicant/accused is specifically named in the FIR. During enquiry, it was found that Rs.1,93,36,395/- was misappropriated/embezzled by the all accused persons in connivance with each other i.e. Rs.1,14,67,826/-over expenditure and Rs.78,68,569/- pertaining to forged bills/vouchers. Apart from this, another allegations of amalgamation, misappropriation, irregular transfer of funds to the account of BDPO, forging of some documents have also been levelled against the applicant/accused and others. It would not be out of place to mention here that Joint Development Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats Department vide separate enquiry held that there was illegal appointment of administrators in the Gram Panchayats, alleged expenditure of Rs.6.6 Cr out of Panchayat fund which was in violation of instructions issued by Government and without technical approval of Competent Authority, deposition of an amount of Rs.2.42 Cr in the account of BDPO Kalanaur, instead of Gram Panchayat) which is also in violation of Government instructions, among others. Involvement of applicant/accused has been established in this case. Allegations against the applicant/accused are very serious. Thus, a thorough probe is required into the matter for which custodial interrogation of the applicant is required. Hence, this court is of the considered opinion that there are direct and serious allegations against the

applicant and no ground for grant of anticipatory bail to the accused/applicant is made out. The court is of the opinion that granting anticipatory bail to the accused at this stage would rather hinder the process of investigation. Accordingly, the instant bail application filed by the applicant stands dismissed. File be consigned to the record room.

Announced.
17.06.2026

(Prem Kumar),
Stenographer Gr.I

(Poonam Bansal),
Additional Sessions Judge,
Gurdaspur (UID No.PB0190)