

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

Crl.Misc.No.M-12910 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision : 24.07.2015

Kewal Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present : Mr. Saurabh Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Jaspreet Singh Sekhon, AAG, Punjab

MAHESH GROVER, J.

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR no.19 dated 21.3.2015 registered under Sections 420, 406 IPC and Section 24 of Emigration Act, 1983 at Police Station, Hathur, District Ludhiana.

The petitioner is alleged to have allured the complainant and his son to part with money on the pretext of sending them abroad. In the process he got them introduced to Surjit Singh and the complainant was informed that an amount of Rs.10 lacs would be required, out of which Rs. 2 lacs would be immigration fee and the remaining amount would be deducted from the salary in instalments upon reaching Canada. In this manner, complainant parted with Rs.2,20,000/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has got nothing to do with the transactions and the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He further contends that the co-accused who is alleged to have taken the money has been granted the benefit of pre-arrest bail by court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana.

The prayer is opposed by the learned State counsel who

contends that the allegations against the petitioner are serious.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and I am of the opinion that the petitioner is now trying to wash his hands off the entire incident even though prime incident of alluring the complainant pertains to him. Evidently the petitioner is one of the conduits who traverse the societal landscape alluring innocent people on the pretext of sending them abroad and extracting huge sums of money thereby visiting untold misery to those people. In this process there are normally number of persons involved and therefore, at this stage of the proceedings this Court would not like to grant concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner considering the fact that such matters require sustained investigation.

No ground to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail is made out.

Hence, dismissed.

July 24, 2015
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge