

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

**Crl. Misc. No. M-17843 of 2015
Date of decision : 17.08.2015**

Manjit Singh Grewal

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

**Present: Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.**

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab.

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 230 dated 29.10.2014, registered under Sections 420 IPC and 24 of the Immigration Act, 1983, Police Station Division No.5, Civil Lines, Ludhiana City.

The allegations against the petitioner that he fraudulently received a sum of Rs.5,50,000/- from complainant Jagraj Singh for sending his cousin to Canada. Neither the cousin of the complainant was sent abroad nor money was returned.

The petitioner was asked to implead the complainant as party. After impleading the complainant, notice was issued to him, which has been received back with the report that he has gone abroad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State counsel have been heard.

Learned counsel submits that neither the petitioner is a immigration agent nor there is any document from which there is reflection of the amount allegedly paid. He further submits that there is a money dispute between the petitioner and the complainant and the petitioner has been

falsely implicated in this case.

Learned State counsel has pointed out that three more FIRs of similar nature are there against the petitioner and during investigation, an affidavit has been unearthed. The petitioner himself purchased the stamp for that affidavit and undertook to return the amount to the complainant and his custodial interrogation is necessary.

The allegations are indeed grave. The complainant has been made to part with Rs.5.5 lacs on the pretext of sending the cousin of the petitioner abroad. Neither the person was sent abroad nor the amount was returned. Custodial interrogation is necessary. Recovery is also to be effected. No case for anticipatory bail is made out. The petition is dismissed.

August 17, 2015
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JUDGE