

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

Criminal Misc. No. M-18995 of 2015 (O & M)
Date of Decision:-21.8.2015

Balbir Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. H.S. Dhindsa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Gurminder Singh Salana, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.246 dated 30.9.2014, under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

This Court vide order dated 4.6.2015, while issuing notice of motion, has granted interim bail to the petitioner subject to joining the investigation as and when directed by the Investigating Agency/Investigating Officer and to abide by the terms and conditions laid

down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as directed by this Court vide order dated 4.6.2015, he has deposited Rs.1,50,000/- by way of draft, in the name of the complainant, to the Investigating Officer. He further submits that pursuant to the said order the petitioner has joined the investigation and the other co-accused namely, Pawan Kumar, who was running a travelling agency along with co-accused Vijay Sharma, has already been admitted on bail by the learned trial Court vide order dated 09.12.2014 (Annexure P-2).

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Baldev Singh, has stated that though the petitioner has joined the investigation but the passports are yet to be recovered.

Considering the fact that the co-accused namely, Pawan Kumar, who was running a travel agency, to whom passports were given, has already been admitted on anticipatory bail by the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Fatehgarh Sahib, the present petition is allowed and interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 4.6.2015 are made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

August 21, 2015
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE