

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-39155 of 2015

Date of Decision: December 04, 2015

Sant Om Parkash

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Krishan Sehajpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Ankur Jain, AAG, Punjab

Rajan Gupta, J (Oral)

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C seeking pre-arrest bail in a case vide FIR No.162 dated 10.10.2015 registered against the petitioner under Section 420 IPC at Police Station, Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a saintly person and has number of followers. He promised to job provide to the complainant. Same was done by a follower of the petitioner. He seeks to place on record a copy of the appointment letter. Same is taken on record as mark 'A'. According to him, petitioner is entitled to the concession of pre-arrest bail in view of same.

Learned State counsel has opposed the plea. According to him, a thorough enquiry has to be conducted in the matter. Petitioner himself admitted before the village panchayat that he would refund the amount of Rs.85,000/- out of Rs. 1 lac taken from the complainant.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

FIR was lodged on the complaint of Kuldeep Singh. He alleged that Sant Om Parkash (petitioner herein) had taken Rs.1 lac promising him to get the job in the Railway Department. Thereafter, neither any job was provided to the petitioner nor money was returned. Complainant thus lodged the instant FIR. Stand of the investigating agency is that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for taking the investigation to its logical end.

I am of the considered view that deeper probe is required into the matter. Tendency of certain so called saints to dupe the people by giving them false promises needs to be curbed. This court has serious doubts about the authenticity of letter mark 'A' placed on record by counsel for the petitioner during the course of arguments. Investigating agency shall examine the contents of the appointment letter and purported signatures of General Manager, Delhi Metro Railways Corporation thereon. A copy of appointment letter mark 'A' be provided to learned State counsel by the Registry.

Petition is without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

The investigating agency shall also examine whether a racket is operating wherein such appointment letters such as mark 'A' are being issued to the innocent persons looking for a job. The investigating agency shall submit a status report regarding investigation within three weeks from today.

(Rajan Gupta)
Judge

December 04, 2015
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