

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

**CRM-M No.41192 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.12.2015**

Paras Ram

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Ms. Savita Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of FIR No.115 dated 01.11.2014, under Sections 420 and 406 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab (**Annexure P-1**) and the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

The petitioner is named in the present FIR.

The allegations against the petitioner are that he has obtained a sum of ₹ 1,41,000/- each from four persons, namely, Ajay Kumar, Mandeep Singh, Lakhbir Singh and Sandeep Kumar on the pretext of sending them abroad. Neither the said persons were sent abroad nor the money was returned.

The main plea of the petitioner is that it is one Eagle Career Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Ludhiana, a Travel Agency, owned by Gurinder Singh, who is engaged in the avocation of sending people abroad and towards the payment of Consultancy charges etc., the petitioner has only affixed his signatures as witness on one of the receipts while being present in the Office of the said Consultancy. His presence on the given date is on the averment that he

had gone there on account of the issue of sending his brother abroad through that Agency.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner/accused heard at length.

It is not in dispute that the application of the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail also stands dismissed by this Court, vide order dated 27.08.2015, primarily on the ground that the investigations could not proceed further as the whereabouts of the main accused were not known. The said Travel Agency stood closed and none of the alleged owners could be located since the investigations were at standstill, therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner was required.

In the aforesaid circumstances, it is absolutely premature to even entertain the thought of quashing the present FIR.

In view of the above, the present petition stands dismissed.

December 05, 2015

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**