

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-42999-2015 (O & M)
Date of decision:22.12.2015

Tarsem Lal ...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Sarju Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J. (oral)

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail to petitioner in a case registered against him vide FIR No.171 dated 26.10.2015 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, at Police Station City SBS Nagar, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has vehemently contended that petitioner himself was duped by a travel agency in Ludhiana. He has been unnecessarily arraigned as an accused on complaint made by three persons.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail. According to her, petitioner is neither a complainant in a complaint lodged in the Model Town, Ludhiana nor a prosecution witness. According to her, petitioner took various amounts from three complainants with an assurance that they would be sent to Malaysia. However, complainants returned from the Airport at Delhi.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. FIR was lodged by three persons stating that they handed over their passports to

Tarsem Lal, petitioner herein on October 22, 2014. Petitioner collected Rs. 1 lac from each of them with the assurance that they would be sent to Malaysia. Flight was scheduled for November 11, 2014. Petitioner did not turn up at the Airport. Thus, complainants had to return from the Airport as their passports and tickets were with Tarsem Lal.

In view of the nature of allegation, I am of the considered view that petitioner is not entitled to concession of anticipatory bail. Matter needs to be probed. Petition is without any merit.

Dismissed.

22.12.2015
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(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE