

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

CRM No.M-18263 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision:31.03.2016

Baljinder Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Arun Takhi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. D.S. Virk, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.196 dated 29.10.2014, under Sections 420/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Line Batala, District Gurdaspur.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Briefly, it may be noticed that FIR was registered on the complaint of Gurwinder Singh with the allegations that he has been duped of a sum of Rs.7 lacs approximately by the present petitioner as also other co-accused on the pretext of sending him abroad i.e. to Australia.

During the course of arguments, it stands conceded that a sum of Rs.1,70,000/- was deposited in the ICICI Bank account of the present petitioner. Even bank account statements for the relevant period of time i.e. for the year 2013 would reveal certain other heavy deposits in the account ranging from Rs.45,000/- to Rs.4 lacs and immediate withdrawals thereafter. In spite of opportunity having been granted, no plausible justification for such heavy deposits in the account of the petitioner has been forthcoming.

Allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature whereby poor and unemployed youth are being sold a foreign dream.

It is a case which would require a deep and thorough probe and for which custodial interrogation of the petitioner may well be warranted.

In view of the above, the prayer made by the petitioner seeking concession of anticipatory bail is declined.

Petition dismissed.

Needless to observe that the interim protection granted to the petitioner by this Court in the light of order dated 28.05.2015 would cease to operate.

31.03.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**