

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

CRM-M-22110 of 2016

Date of Decision: October 21, 2016

Jarnail Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurveer Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.

The allegations against the petitioner-Jarnail Singh in this anticipatory bail application are that he had lodged the present FIR on the allegations that non-applicant/Dharminder Singh son of Joga Singh, who happened to be a Travel Agent, has defrauded the persons and duped a sum of Rs.25 lacs approximately and has taken away passports of many persons numbering around 8-10 and instead of getting them migrated had sent them as tourist to Hongkong from where they have been sent back after the expiry of 15 days of VISA period.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a whistle-blower and nothing is to be recovered from him and that he has already been allowed interim bail by this Court and, thus, his custodial interrogation is not required. The same is opposed by learned State counsel on the grounds that it was by way of freeing a defence the petitioner has lodged an FIR to pre-empt his prosecution and that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is very much essential to recover the amount as well as passports.

Prima facie allegations of having duped a large number of persons along with their documents and huge sum of money are heinous and which frauds and scandals have attained notoriety in the area and, thus, need to be curbed with heavy hand. Investigations are at initial stage and apprehension of the learned State counsel that if allowed bail, the petitioner might influence the witnesses is not unfounded.

In view of which no ground to grant bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No