

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

(204)

CRM-M-27344-2016

Decided on: November 08, 2016.

Satnam Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Fariad Singh Virk, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in a case registered at the instance of Kirpal Singh who happens to be real uncle of the petitioner. The allegation against the petitioner is that he connived with Ashish Kumar @ Ashu, Nirvair Singh and Deepinder Singh and duped the complainant of a sum of Rs.17 lacs on the pretext of sending his son namely Ravinder Singh to Australia by getting him appointed in Merchant Navy, but as a matter of fact, son of the complainant was sent to Thailand where he was kept for 8-9 months and thereafter, was left at Indonesia airport.

With the assistance of learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State counsel, I have gone through the record. The other accused named by the complainant have been found to be innocent except for Ashish Kumar @ Ashu.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that a sum of Rs. 5 lacs on account of close relationship of the petitioner had been deposited by the petitioner in the bank account of Ravinder Singh when he resided in Thailand.

Taking into consideration the relationship of the complainant with the petitioner and dual version regarding the story put-forth by the complainant having cropped up on named accused having been found innocent, it does not appear to be a case of custodial interrogation.

The petitioner has joined the investigation.

The petition is allowed. It is ordered that in case of arrest of petitioner, he will be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer subject to the conditions that he will join investigation as and when required and will not make any attempt to tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation in any manner and will not leave India without the permission of the Court.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

November 08, 2016

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No