

**Sr. No. 208
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM No. M-38766 of 2015
Date of decision: 18.01.2016**

Bajinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Ranjit Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anmol Grewal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. K.S.Kahlon, Advocate,
for the complainant.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.275 dated 25.09.2015 under Section 406/420 of Indian Penal Code, registered at police station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR in question was registered on the complaint of one Gurpreet Singh. Allegations are that he paid a sum of Rs.1,80,000/- to the accused/present petitioner for arranging a visa and to send the complainant to Canada. In the FIR, there is also a similar allegation raised by one Karnail Singh.

Counsel appearing for the petitioner would refer to document dated 12.05.2015 placed at Annexure P-1 to submit that the petitioner himself is a victim as in the month of December 2014,

he himself had gone to a travel agent in Amritsar and had given a sum of Rs.3 lacs but no document of visa had been issued to him.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from SI Tarsham Singh as also counsel for the complainant have during the course of arguments adverted to a bank statement which would reflect a sum of Rs.3,80,000/- having been deposited in the account of the accused by Karnail Singh. Likewise the bank statement also shows another deposit of a sum of Rs.1, 80,000/- on 27.11.2014 by complainant Gurpreet Singh.

Such deposits of money in the bank account of the present petitioner have gone unexplained.

The allegations against the present petitioner are specific and serious in nature. Money has been allegedly extorted in the garb of sending the complainant abroad.

It would be a fit case wherein custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be warranted to elicit the truth.

This Court does not find any infirmity in the order dated 19.10.2015, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur declining the concession of anticipatory bail.

Petition is dismissed.

January 18, 2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**