

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M- 4156 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.02.2016

Gagandeep Singh Maan

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. M.S.Sachdev, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

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Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.190 dated 11.12.2015, under Sections 406/420 of Indian Penal Code and Section 24 of Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

Accusation against the petitioner is with regard to having been entrusted a large sum of money on the pretext of sending the complainant to Australia on a work permit and the money thereafter having been misappropriated.

During the course of arguments, counsel appearing for the petitioner has not been able to controvert the observations contained in the impugned order dated 21.12.2015, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar that to settle the matter, accused/petitioner had issued four cheques for a sum of Rs.2,10,000/- each and out of such cheques, two were encashed

and one cheque was dishonoured upon having been presented. The forth cheque was stated to be post-dated cheque. Impugned order has also noticed that during the course of investigation a number of passports belonging to different persons have been recovered from the bank locker of the petitioner.

It has been conceded during the course of arguments that the petitioner is a travel agent.

The allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. A number of instances of travel agents duping innocent people by selling a foreign dream are on the rise.

In the light of the allegations raised against the petitioner and to conduct a deep probe into the matter, custodial interrogation of the petitioner may well be warranted.

This Court does not find any infirmity in the order dated 21.12.2015, passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar declining concession of anticipatory bail.

Petition dismissed.

19.02.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**