

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

**CRM NO. M-33892 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 12.12.2017**

Sorabh Mehta

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Surinder Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.113 dated 06.07.2017 under Sections 406/420 IPC, registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had obtained money from the complainant for sending him to Georgia. It is alleged that the Immigration Authorities did not allow him to enter Georgia and he was deported. It is also contended that from the perusal of FIR as well as copy of visa, it is apparent that complainant had been granted tourist visa for a period of four months and thus, it could not be possible that he was not allowed to enter Georgia. He also contends that there is no mention in the FIR as to when the petitioner had gone to Georgia or the date when he was deported.

This Court, by the order dated 27.09.2017 had directed the petitioner to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ravinder Singh states that in pursuance to the order dated 27.09.2017, the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the order dated 27.09.2017, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, is hereby made absolute. However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

DECEMBER 12, 2017

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
2. Whether reportable : YES/NO