

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

CRM-M-15031-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.04.2018

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. M. S. Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.24, dated 28.01.2018, under Sections 420/406 IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Garhshankar.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard at length.

FIR has been registered on the complaint of Balkar Singh. Precise allegations are that the complainant has been duped of a sum of Rs.6 lakhs on the pretext of sending his son to abroad i.e. to Portugal.

Allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. Instances of innocent people being duped of their hard earned money by unscrupulous/travel agents by selling a foreign dream are on the rise.

FIR would reveal that after lodging of the complaint by Balkar Singh, the petitioner had even instituted a civil suit in the Court of Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Garhshankar seeking relief of permanent injunction qua the complainant with regard to peaceful possession of a residential premises.

Apparently, civil suit was filed by the petitioner to pressurize the complainant as regards withdrawing the complaint.

It is a case which would require a deep and thorough probe and which may well be warrant custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

For the reasons recorded above, prayer made in the instant petition seeking concession of pre-arrest bail is declined.

Petition dismissed.

18.04.2018

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |