

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

CRM-M-15543 of 2018
Date of decision: April 24, 2018

Tejinder Pal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Harsh Manocha, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. S.S. Chatrath, Advocate for the complainant.

Rajan Gupta, J.

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 406 & 420 IPC at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar (Rural), vide FIR No.44 dated 06.03.2018.

FIR was registered on the basis of two complaints, one made by Dalbir Singh and another by Swaran Singh, with the allegations that petitioner and his father Balbir Singh had taken Rs.39.00 lacs from complainant Dalbir Singh and Rs.31.00 lacs from Swaran Singh on the pretext of sending their sons to Canada, but they neither sent sons of the complainant abroad nor returned their money, despite repeated requests as well as convening of Panchayats.

I am of the considered view that allegations against the petitioner and his father are serious. They have duped the complainants of

huge amount with the promise of sending their sons abroad. Under the circumstances, I find no ground for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. The matter needs a thorough probe. It may not be possible to unravel the entire *modus operandi* of the crime, in case petitioner is armed with a protective order. On the other hand, his custodial interrogation may be necessary for taking the investigation to its logical end. The petition is without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

April 24, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No