

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

CRM-M-15586 of 2018  
Date of decision: April 24, 2018

Baba Sohan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA**

Present: Mr. Daman Jeet Bhoriwal, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

**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 Section 420 IPC at Police Station Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, vide FIR No.39 dated 10.03.2018.

FIR was registered on the basis of complaint made by one Kuldeep Singh, with the allegations that petitioner, his son Jagtar Singh as well as Head Constable Sukhwinder Singh cheated him of Rs.2,15,000/- on the pretext of arranging some government job for him. Rs.1,00,000/- was paid on 5.3.2016 and Rs.1,15,000/- on 9.3.2016 to the petitioner. Said amount was arranged by the complainant after mortgaging his land. However, the accused neither arranged any job for the complainant nor returned his money, despite repeated requests.

I am of the considered view that allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. He in collusion with other co-accused has duped the complainant of huge amount with the promise of providing government job to him. 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 will be absolutely 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