

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

CRM-M-15998 of 2018
Date of decision: April 26, 2018

Rachhpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, 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 Sections 420 & 120-B IPC at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, vide FIR No.24 dated 20.02.2018.

FIR was registered on the basis of complaint made by one Prathma daughter of Puran Chand, with the allegations that petitioner and his wife Kanwaljit Kaur cheated the complainant and two other ladies, namely, Shruti and Shiwani of Rs.27.00 lacs on the pretext of arranging job of Lecturer in Education Department, Punjab. However, the accused neither arranged any job for them nor returned their money, despite repeated requests.

I am of the considered view that allegations against the petitioner and his wife are serious in nature. Both of them duped the

complainant of huge amount with the promise of providing regular job of Lecturer. 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 26, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable:	Yes / No