

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

CRM-M-9814-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: March 14, 2018

Manu Verma alias Sumeer Verma ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. C.L. Pawar, Senior DAG, 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 and 120-B IPC at Police Station Verowal, District Tarn Taran, vide FIR No.98 dated 28.09.2017.

FIR was registered on the complaint made by Karam Singh son of Bhan Singh, stating that four months ago, he was coming back to his village by train after attending his case in the High Court at Chandigarh. In the way he met co-accused Jugal Kishore Verma, who told the complainant that he owns several hotels in Singapore and England and is in need of manpower. He assured to send the complainant and other persons to abroad. Thereafter, co-accused Jugal Kishore Verma visited Village Biharipur, where complainant handed him over three passports of Harpreet Singh, Daljit Singh and Jahanpreet Singh. He demanded Rs.36.00 lacs for this purpose. Co-accused Jugal Kishore had received amount of Rs.11,70,000/-

from the complainant on different occasions. Allegations against the petitioner, who is son of Jugal Kishore, is that he received Rs.10.00 lacs from Nirmal Verma, Ajaypal Singh and Gurmit Singh. Co-accused Ranjana Verma also received Rs.9.00 lacs from the complainant and further the complainant had also paid Rs.2,50,000/- to the accused. A total sum of Rs.47.00 lacs were paid to the accused. Despite having received the aforesaid huge amount, accused neither sent the complainant and his aforesaid associates abroad nor returned their money.

Keeping in view seriousness of allegations, no case for pre-arrest bail is made out. Petitioner has active role in the commission offence. He and his co-accused have committed a fraud with the complainant and other persons of a huge amount of Rs.47.00 lacs on the pretext of sending them abroad. Thus, custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be necessary to recover the amount of the complainant and other persons. Petition is without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

March 14, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No