

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-3254-2019
Reserved on: 24.01.2019
Pronounced on: 28.01.2019

Palvinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Gourav Jain, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J.

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 80 dated 07.06.2018, under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, Samana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, complainant Lakhwinder Singh has stated that Bhagwant Singh and his wife Parvinder Kaur approached him and his father for providing employment in the Railway Department and demanded a sum of Rs. 9 Lakh in April, 2016. Thereafter, the complainant paid Rs. 2 Lakh in cash to the accused and another sum of Rs. 4 Lakh was transferred from the bank account of the father of complainant, i.e. in State Bank of Patiala, Samana, to the bank account of petitioner's brother-in-law Bhagwant Singh. It is further stated that thereafter, the complainant had also given an amount of Rs. 3 Lakh to co-accused Bhagwant Singh through bank transaction, which was received in his bank account. Later on, co-accused Bhagwant Singh took the complainant to Kolkata for the purpose of interview, test etc. and the complainant was sent back from there by stating that training will start after

some time. It is further stated in the FIR that at Kolkata, the complainant was introduced to one Arvind Singh Rathore who claimed himself to be the Head of Inspection Committee of Eastern Railway. Thereafter, the complainant kept on pursuing the accused persons for providing him joining letter and came to know that accused persons have duped him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that petitioner has no connection with the co-accused and rather, he himself is a victim in a similar fashion and he has also got an FIR registered against aforesaid Bhagwant Singh and Arvind Singh Rathore.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and going through the contents of the FIR, I find no ground to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner as there are direct allegations against him in the FIR that his brother-in-law has received an amount of Rs. 4 Lakh from the complainant, on asking of petitioner, which was transferred to his bank account from the bank account of the complainant. Thereafter, the complainant, as the part of a calculated conspiracy, was taken to Kolkata for his interview, test, medical test etc. and was brought back on the pretext that the training will be done on papers. In this process, the accused persons have duped the complainant of Rs. 9 Lakh by giving him fake documents for providing employment in the Railway Department. A perusal of the FIR further shows that petitioner and co-accused are involved in similar activities with the other persons.

In view of the above, this petition is dismissed.

January 28, 2019

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*