

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

**CRM-M-11226-2019
Date of decision: 01.04.2019**

Harpreet Singh Chopra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. M. S. Bhatti, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajat Garg, Advocate
for the complainant.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 10 dated 02.02.2019, registered under Sections 406 and 420 of the IPC at Police Station Machhiwara, District Khanna.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, which was got registered by one Reena Verma, it is stated she is running an institute at Machhiwara in the name and style of ***Ashoka Education Institution*** for IELTS course for the purpose of sending the student abroad and Harpreet Singh Chopra (petitioner herein) and one Jagar Singh have cheated her. It is further stated that both the accused visited her office and assured her that they will arrange Visa and facilitate the work of sending the students abroad. It is further stated that number of persons have given money to the accused persons and an amount of Rs. 15 Lakh was paid in the account of petitioner i.e. A/c No. 502000015714161 of

HDFC Bank.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in fact the petitioner himself is a victim and he has also been cheated and he has even given a complaint in this regard. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in fact it is the complainant who has taken money from the students on the pretext of sending them abroad.

In reply, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jarnail Singh, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that it is a case where nine young students have been duped of Rs. 42 Lakh on the pretext of sending them abroad and the petitioner has provided them fake Visa and air tickets and when the aforesaid nine students reached airport, they came to know that they have been cheated by the petitioner and have been duped of their money.

Learned State counsel further submits that the FIR was registered after due inquiry.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, I do not find any merit in the present petition considering the serious allegations against the petitioner which are relating to taking money from various students with an assurance that they will be given valid Visa and tickets to travel abroad, however, it was found that petitioner has cheated them by providing fake Visa and tickets.

Therefore, this petition is hereby dismissed.

01.04.2019

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*