

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

**CRM-M No. 53432 of 2018
Date of Decision:-25.02.2019**

Harshpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Mr. Vishva Bahl, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Satwant Mehta, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)

By filing the present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has sought anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0132 dated 18.7.2018, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Cantonment, District Amritsar.

On 14.12.2018, this Court had passed the following order :-

“Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that one month before the present FIR No. 0132 dated 18.7.2018 under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Cantonment, District Amritsar, petitioner had moved a complaint that Rs. 10.00 lacs were taken from him for sending abroad. However, now the complaint has been filed levelling

cross allegations for taking money for appointment to public post and promotion.

List on 21.1.2019.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within two days.

In the event of arrest of the petitioner, he will be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer.

Police is directed to verify the version and cross-version of the both the parties and file the report on the next date of hearing.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of the order dated 21.01.2019, the petitioner has joined the investigation as he could not join the investigation within the time prescribed pursuant to order dated 14.12.2018.

Learned State counsel on instructions of ASI Jaspal submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 14.12.2018, is made absolute.

The petition stands allowed.

February 25, 2019

Vijay Asija

**(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes / No

Yes / No