

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

CRM-M No.42168 of 2019
Date of decision: 25.11.2019

Arun Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.266 dated 20.08.2019 registered under Sections 420 IPC and 13 of the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012 at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

On 01.10.2019, counsel for the petitioner has stated that the petitioner is ready to return the amount of Rs.1.10 lacs which as per the allegations in the FIR was given to him by the complainant.

While issuing notice of motion and granting interim bail, it was directed that the petitioner will hand over a demand draft of Rs.1.10 lacs favouring the complainant – Ravinder Kumar to the Investigating Officer within a period of 30 days, which will be further handed over to the complainant.

Thereafter, on the next date i.e. 29.10.2019, an objection was raised by the Investigating Officer that neither the petitioner has joined the investigation nor has handed over the demand draft.

Today, counsel for the State, on instructions from HC Gurcharan Singh, has again argued that still the petitioner has not handed over the demand draft favouring the complainant.

In view of the above, this petition is dismissed.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No