

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

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CRM-M No. 42703 of 2019

Date of decision : 4.12.2019

Khushwant Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Mr. N.S. Gill, Advocate, for
Mr. Nirbhay Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner

Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 46 dated 14.5.2019, registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station City Rampura, District Bathinda.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is not involved in any business of sending people abroad. The case against the petitioner has been concocted for mala fide reasons. Even as per the allegations of the complainant, the alleged transaction is stated to be of the year 2013. There has been inordinate delay of 6 years in lodging the FIR. This itself shows the falsity of the case.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State submits that the money has been received by the complainant in the presence of a witness. The same was given even after withdrawing from the bank, as per the police investigation. However, it is not disputed that even the alleged transaction as

stated by the complainant is of the year 2013.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. However, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

4.12.2019

Ashwani

Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Reportable	:	Yes/No