

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

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CRM-M-44444-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 11.12.2019

MANJEET SINGH MALHI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vikram Singh Chahal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Simranjeet Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0237 dated 20.09.2019 under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is delay of six years in registering the FIR. It is alleged that the petitioner had taken a sum of Rs.8 lacs from the complainant in May, 2013 to send the son of the complainant abroad. He also contends that the son of the complainant is well settled abroad and the FIR is an off-shoot of a civil dispute between the parties. The petitioner is not involved in any other case of similar nature.

This Court, by the order dated 26.11.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-

interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sarabjit Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 26.11.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

11.12.2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No