

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

CRM-M No. 33257 of 2018

Date of decision : 11.02.2019

Santokh Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Varun Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajat Dogra, Advocate for
Mr. K. S. Brar, Advocate for the complainant.

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DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.182 dated 14.06.2018 under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station – Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt. Kapurthala.

Notice of motion was issued on 07.08.2018 and the case was adjourned on request of learned counsel for the petitioner as he was ready to settle the dispute with the complainant. It was mentioned in order dated 16.11.2018 that petitioner has paid an amount of ₹ 8,00,000/- to brother of the complainant and not to the complainant, whereas the complainant has paid an amount of ₹15,00,000/-. Both the petitioner and the complainant were directed to appear before the Investigating Officer with their

respective calculations and documents available with them.

Case came on hearing on 19.12.2018. It was intimated by learned State counsel that both the parties appeared before the Investigating Officer but the dispute could not be settled and thereafter, again the petitioner was directed to join investigation. Last opportunity was granted. Thereafter, the petitioner never joined investigation and no amount was paid, as stated by learned counsel for the complainant.

It appears that the petitioner has sought dates on various occasions because of the interim order. Neither he has paid the amount in spite of giving undertaking nor joined the investigation despite last opportunity.

Petition being devoid of any merit is hereby dismissed.

11.02.2019

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**(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No