

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

**CRM-M-879-2020
Date of decision: 19.02.2020**

Arvinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Baljinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Dhalwaljeet Dutta, Advocate
for the complainant.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 142 dated 25.11.2019, registered under Section 420 IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Act, 2014 at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

The operative part of the order dated 15.01.2020, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, an amount of Rs. 3 Lakh was paid to the petitioner through bank transactions and he is ready to return the said amount to complainant within a period of one week from today.

List again on 19.02.2020.

Meanwhile, 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.

The petitioner is directed to hand over a demand draft of Rs. 3 Lakh to the Investigating Officer at the time of furnishing bail/surety bonds, who will further hand over the same to the complainant.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 15.01.2020, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation. It is further submitted that the petitioner has also handed over a demand draft of Rs. 3 Lakh to the Investigating Officer at the time of joining investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Jagat Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 15.01.2020, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

However, the petitioner is directed to surrender his passport to the Investigating Officer and he will not travel abroad without seeking prior permission of the trial Court/Illaqua Magistrate.

19.02.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No