

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-6285-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 13.02.2020

Satpal Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. S.S. Majithia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0187 dated 24.11.2019 under Sections 406 & 420 IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station City Nawanshahar, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the FIR, registered on a complaint made by Sandeep Kaur, it is alleged that she knew one Abhay Jain and the complainant and her husband Amrik Singh expressed desire to go to Canada. On this, Abhay Jain told that his uncle Satpal Singh (petitioner) can arrange a visa for them. The complainant had a meeting with petitioner Satpal Singh, where she along with her husband Amrik Singh met

the petitioner and his wife Mona. The complainant had given Rs.5.00 lacs to the petitioner along with passports and other documents. Thereafter, on asking of the petitioner, complainant deposited some amount in the accounts of Idris Ali, his wife Aafiy Zara Ali and his brother Hansen Agnelo Vaz, as they were agents, with a promise that they will get a visa for the complainant, her husband and two children. In this process, the complainant paid an amount of Rs.19.50 lacs. Thereafter, petitioner Satpal took the complainant and her family to Kolkata, where they stayed for 10-12 days in a hotel and despite the assurance, the accused persons gave fake visa to the complainant and her family members and thus, have committed the cheating.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in fact, the petitioner is an authorized agent of SOTC, which is an immigration consultancy and he is picking up the documents of the company from Punjab to Kolkata. It is further submitted that the petitioner has only introduced the complainant with some persons in Kolkata. It is also submitted that wife of the petitioner has been granted the concession of interim bail by this Court.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, I find no merit in the present petition, as they are direct allegations against the petitioner that he being in the business of immigration, received Rs.5.00 lacs from the complainant and also got some amount transferred in the accounts of other accused persons.

There are allegations against the petitioner that he provided fake visa to the complainant and in that process, he actively participated and he took them to Kolkata, where the complainant and her family stayed for 10-12

days. Wife of the petitioner namely Mona has been granted the concession of interim bail, as there is no direct allegation against her and she was not present, when the amount was paid by the complainant.

Therefore, considering the serious allegations against the petitioner, I find no ground to grant anticipatory bail to him.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

13.02.2020
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[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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