

CRM-M-14038-2020

Date of decision: 15.07.2020

Bhupinder Kaur

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** Mr. Bhupinder Ghai, Advocate
for the petitioner.Mr. B.S. Virk, DAG, Haryana
for the respondent-State.Mr. Surinder Gandhi, Advocate
for the complainant.**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.(ORAL)**

Due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner-Bhupinder Kaur who is an accused in a case bearing FIR No.552 dated 22.05.2020 under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Ambala City, District Ambala, and happens to be the wife of the principal accused-Pritpal Singh, has sought this first anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C.

The present case has been got registered on the joint complaint of four victims namely, Jagmohan Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Gagandeep Singh and Harmeet Singh alleging that the accused misrepresented them and on the pretext of sending them to abroad took Rs.50,000/- from each of them, totaling to Rs.2 lakh, along with their passports and subsequently, on the asking of the accused, the victims deposited in the joint bank account of both the accused-couple, Rs.5 lakh, Rs.8 lakh, Rs.1 lakh, Rs.2 lakh and Rs.80,000/- on different occasions. However, thereafter, the accused took them to Delhi and vanished leading to the registration of the present case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is house wife of Pritpal Singh and has no specific role to play in the commission of offence and has been falsely implicated.

The learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has opposed the grant of bail on the grounds that there are four other such criminal cases pending against the accused and who are habitual offenders in fleecing people on such fraudulent acts.

Going through the submissions and keeping in view the criminal background of the accused and the fact that they have duped four innocent victims fraudulently on the pretext to send them abroad, the Court takes strict views of such acts. Moreover, such like rackets have attained notoriety and needs to be curbed with a heavy hand.

In view of the fact that the accused along with her husband has received the amount in her joint account are compelling circumstances to deny the petitioner the concession of anticipatory bail and thus, finding no merits, the present petition stands dismissed.

Dismissed.

15.07.2020

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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No