

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14652 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Order: 17.07.2020

Mohit

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Amardeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.0223, dated 25.09.2019, registered under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/120-B IPC, at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

Reply to the petition has been filed by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Baba Bakala Sahib, Amritsar Rural.

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other co-accused duped many unemployed youths of the area while falsely promising them employment in the Indian Railways.

In reply, it has been pointed out that as many as 13 complaints have been received against the petitioner. Paragraph 5 of the reply is extracted as under:-

“5. That it is humbly submitted that during the course of investigation being carried out in the present case, the

following witnesses/victims were joined investigation and their respective statements under Section 161 Cr.P.C were recorded by the Investigating Officer, who levelled allegations against the petitioner and co-accused Kaushalya Kali Ram, Ravi Kumar, Reeta and Vijay Kumar for duping them on the pretext of getting them or their wards government service in Indian Railway and providing them fake and forged documents with regard to their appointment in Indian Railway on various posts.

i) Ranbir Singh s/o Gurdev Singh R/o Village Wazir Bhullar, Amritsar, (Rs.07 lacs were taken from him for getting him service).

ii) Navneet Singh s/o Manjit Singh R/o Baba Bakala Sahib, Amritsar (Rs. 07 lacs was taken from him for getting him service)

iii) Ravinder Singh s/o Kulwant Singh R/o Village Bai Saran Amritsar. (Rs. 09 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

iv) Harmeet Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Village Wazir Bhullar, Amritsar. (Rs. 5.60 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

v) Surinderpal S/o Bhajan Singh R/o Balachaur, District Nawan Shehar (SBS Nagar) (Rs. 08 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

vi) Lovepreet Singh S/o Kulwant Singh R/o village Jalal Usma, Amritsar. (Rs. 08 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

Vii) Manraj Singh S/o Shamsher Singh R/o village Ghanshyampura, Amritsar. (Rs. 08 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

Viii) Princepal Singh S/o Jagir Singh R/o village Bhoru, Amritsar. (Rs. 8.20 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

ix) Shamsher singh S/o Joginder Singh R.o Jafarwal,

Gurdaspur. (Rs. 07 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

x) Bhupinder Singh S/o Mukhtar Singh R/o village Ghumaan. (Rs. 06 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

xi) Gurwant Singh S/o Piara Singh R/o Beas, Amritsar. (Rs. 5.60 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

Xii) Gurwinder Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh , R/o Beas, Amritsar. (Rs. 5.60 lacs was taken from him for getting him service).

Xiii) Nirmal Singh, complainant S/o Jagir Singh R/o Sant Enclave, Beas, Amritsar. (Rs. 23 lacs was taken from him for getting him service to his daughters Ravinder Kaur and Harmandeep Kaur).”

Although, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is also victim and the FIR has been got registered as a counter blast as the petitioner also submitted complaints, however, at this stage, it is not possible to opine on the aforesaid fact.

This will be the subject matter of investigation. The petitioner is an employee of the Indian Railways.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

July 17, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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