

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

Sr. No.201

CRM-M-19494-2020

Date of decision: 14.09.2020

Inderjit @ Billa

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

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

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Through the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.92 dated 09.05.2020 registered under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 2014 at Police Station Bhogpur. district Jalandhar.

The case of the prosecution is that the complainant met a travel agent namely Tarsem Singh who told him that if he would pay him Rs.1,70,000/- he would send the complainant to Kuwait and get him a job there. The demanded amount was paid by the complainant. Out of such amount Rs.1,20,000/- were transferred to the petitioner's account. Thereafter the complainant was sent to Kuwait but since he did not get a job there, he returned back and asked Tarsem Singh and the petitioner to return his money. On refusal to do so he lodged the aforesaid FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case; he is not involved in any other criminal case; he is not a travel agent; the main allegation of allurement are against Tarsem Singh and that to show his bona fides, under interim orders passed by this Court, the petitioner has given Rs.50,000/- to the complainant and that has not only joined the investigation but has also fully cooperated with the investigating agency

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation; cooperated with the investigating agency and that his custodial interrogation is not required.

The petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case; to show his bona fides, the petitioner has given to the complainant Rs.50,000/- out of the Rs.1,20,000/- alleged to have been transferred to his account by Tarsem Singh and under the interim orders passed by this Court, the petitioner has not only joined the investigation he has also fully cooperated with the investigating agency and as per the learned State counsel his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, the order of this Court dated 20.07.2020 granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

Nothing observed herein-above shall be considered to be an expression of opinion by this Court on the merits of the case.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

September 14, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No