

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

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CRM-M-27107-2020

Date of decision : 14.10.2020.

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 71 dated 28.05.2020, under Sections 406, 420, 370 and 216 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1924, registered at Police Station Kunjpura, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that co-accused Ramesh had received a sum of ₹12,00,000/- from the complainant to send his son to the USA, but he was apprehended at the border and was deported. He also contends that the petitioner, who is 60 years of age, has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused Ramesh.

This Court, by the order dated 10.09.2020, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail

to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Ranbir Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner having joined investigation and the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 10.09.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 14, 2020
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No