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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.27199 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.09.2020

Lovepreet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.157 dated 12.07.2020 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar.

The allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of one Gurdial Singh, are that the petitioner – Lovepreet Singh, his mother Rajwinder Kaur, his brother Harry and one Suba Singh, have committed a fraud and have enticed the complainant and his daughter namely Madhu Bala to get an employment in a bank.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the allegations pertains to the year 2017, whereas the FIR has been registered on 12.07.2020 and in the meantime, the petitioner has filed two civil suits for permanent injunction praying for a decree that the respondent be restrained from harassing him, however, the complainant has not appeared in those cases. It is further argued that in fact, the complainant has given a cheque of Rs.50,000/- in favour of the petitioner and due to

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this reason, this FIR has been registered.

A perusal of the FIR show that primary allegation against the petitioner is that he along with his mother has approached the complainant and his daughter to provide a job in Canara Bank and on that pretext, he demanded money after giving his bank account details and thereafter, some amount was transferred in his bank account in Oriental Bank of Commerce. Thereafter, again some amount was given to him as detailed in the FIR.

Counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, argued that the mother of the petitioner has already been granted the concession of interim bail by this Court vide order dated 04.09.2020 passed in CRM-M No.25882 of 2020.

In reply, counsel for the State has, however, opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the petitioner has allured the complainant and enticed him and his daughter to part away the money in order to provide a job to the daughter of the complainant in Canara Bank and in that process, the petitioner obtained money from the complainant. It is also submitted that a civil suit has been filed by the petitioner in anticipation of the fact that the complainant is going to take some legal action. Lastly, it is argued that there no specific allegation against the mother of the petitioner and that is why, she was granted the concession of bail.

After hearing the counsel for the parties, considering the serious allegations leveled against the petitioner and also in view of the fact that he along with other co-accused has committed a fraud upon the complainant by enticing him and his daughter namely Madhu Bala to

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get an employment in a bank, I find no ground to grant the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No