

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

**CRM-M No. 27093 of 2020
Date of decision: 10.09.2020.**

Harcharan Singh Sandhu Petitioner.
Versus
State of Punjab Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 110 dated 09.08.2020, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that the petitioner had taken a sum of ₹4,00,000/- from the complainant to bring about a compromise in FIR No.44 dated 24.04.2020, registered at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, wherein the son of the complainant in the instant case is the accused. He also contends that the FIR has been lodged to put pressure on the petitioner as his nephew had been seriously injured in the other case. It is alleged that the petitioner has been paid in cash, but there is no *prima facie* material to indicate that the petitioner had taken money.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG,

Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent. He contends that in view of the gravity of the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and in view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating officer within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and on his doing so, he shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting/investigating officer till submission of report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('Cr.P.C.' - for short). The petitioner shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, he will be permitted to furnish regular bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

10.09.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No