

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

CRM-M-34142-2020

Date of decision: October 28, 2020

Deepak Puri

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Rajiv Joshi, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 360 dated 20.8.2020 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 12(1) (B) of the Passport Act, registered at Police Station City Tohana, District Fatehabad.

As per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner has applied for issuance of passports of several persons named in the FIR by taking money and when the Passport Authorities directed the police to verify their addresses/Aadhar Cards etc. by way of physical verification, all the addresses were found to be fake.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in the business of selling tickets and there are no direct allegations against the petitioner that he has applied for issuance of the passports.

Learned State counsel has, however, opposed the prayer on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and it is to be ascertained in what circumstances, the application of so many persons seeking passports by giving fake addresses/Aadhar Cards etc. was moved and on physical verification, the same were found to be false. Learned State counsel has further submitted that there are number of persons involved and the investigation is going on to find out that 29 persons qua whom the application for passport was moved, are also to be arrayed as accused in this case.

After hearing the counsel for the parties and considering the allegations in the FIR regarding the efforts made by the petitioner and the main accused Monu Sachdeva, who have applied for the passports of various persons giving false addresses/Aadhar Cards etc. by taking huge amount from such persons, no ground for grant of anticipatory bail is made out.

Therefore, the petition stands dismissed.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No