

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

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CRM-M-3039-2021

Date of decision : 24.08.2021.

Jasvir Chand

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Maninder Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0105 dated 11.11.2020, under Sections 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1983, registered at Police Station City Banga, District S.B.S. Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner had taken a sum of ₹1,90,000/- to send the complainant to Qatar on one year work visa and he had to return after one month. Learned counsel, however, contends that the work permit for one year had been arranged, but as the complainant was unwell, he returned. He has referred to the copy of the work visa for one year at Annexure P2. He also contends that the conversation between the petitioner and the father of the complainant has been recorded and a copy of the transcript is at Annexure P3. The conversation reveals that it was at the behest of the father of the complainant that he had to return as he was suffering from hallucination. He further contends that although the office of the

petitioner is at Garhshankar and the complainant is a resident of village Mallu Pota, Police Station Sadar Banga, but the FIR has been registered at Police Station City Banga where the father of the complainant, namely, Rachhpal Singh is posted as ASI, who is harassing the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by order dated 22.01.2021 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 ASI Balwinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 22.01.2021 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

August 24, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No