

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

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CRM-M-6051-2021

Date of decision : 25.03.2021.

SUKHDEEP SINGH ALIAS BALI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 09 dated 21.01.2021, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Sadar Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the complainant had paid a sum of ₹3,50,000/- to the petitioner to send her to U.K., but instead she was sent to Cyprus. He, however, contends that the money was deposited in the account of the petitioner and on the same day the petitioner had transferred the same into the account of travel agent, namely, Rishi Gupta, who was known to the petitioner as the petitioner's sister had been sent to Cyprus through him. The complainant had stayed in Cyprus for one year on valid visa and had filed the FIR after her return. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by order dated 10.02.2021 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 Ram Shah, 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 10.02.2021 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

March 25, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No