

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

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CRM-M-8984-2021

Date of decision : 15.07.2021.

Gurdev Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Jasmeet Singh Ghumman, 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.10 dated 25.01.2021, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Smalsar, district Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is 74 year old retired Agriculture Sub-Inspector and has been involved in the case as one of the co-accused, namely, Sandeep Singh is his son. It is alleged in the FIR that co-accused had taken money from the complainant for sending him abroad but after 04 months of stay in Columbia, he was deported. No money was paid in the account of the petitioner and it is only alleged that he was present with his son and had given assurance with regard to H1B Visa.

This Court, by order dated 25.02.2021 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 Mohan Lal, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is not cooperating.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is 74 year old, he has joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 25.02.2021 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

July 15, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No