

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-12516-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 25, 2021**

VARINDER KATYAL @ PALA

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.338 dated 25.12.2020, under Sections 406, 420 IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 , registered at Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had taken money for sending the son of the complainant abroad. He, however, contends that there was a monetary dispute with regard to “committees” (kitty) and the matter was earlier enquired into and the District Attorney (Legal) opined that no offence is made out as it is a monetary dispute for which civil suit can be filed. He also contends that the petitioner is 60 year old and does not have any criminal antecedents. There is no allegation that any money was paid in the account of the petitioner.

This Court, by the order dated 18.03.2021, 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, on instructions from ASI Bisham Lal, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but money is yet to be recovered.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 18.03.2021 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 25, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No