

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

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**CRM-M-14786-2021
Date of Decision: 19.04.2021**

LAKHBIR SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.16 dated 11.02.2021 (Annexure P-1) registered at Police Station Lohian, District Jalandhar, under Sections 406 and 420 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are totally false; that the alleged cash amount of Rs.23 lakh was never handed over to the petitioner and that neither any compromise has been executed with the petitioner nor has he signed the same.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. He submits that the petitioner along with his co-accused had taken a huge amount of Rs.23 lakh from the complainant, on the pretext of sending him abroad. Besides, the petitioner is also involved in two more cases i.e. FIR No.15 dated 11.02.2020 registered at Police Station Lohian, under Sections 406 and 420 IPC and FIR

No.47 dated 24.04.2019 registered at Police Station Maqsudan, under Sections 406 and 120-B IPC.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature and amount of Rs.23 lakh is yet to be recovered from the petitioner and his co-accused. Further, keeping in view the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, no ground is made out for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.

19.04.2021

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: *Yes/No*

Whether reportable

: *Yes/No*