

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

**CRM-M-18465-2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.05.2021**

Shashi Kumar

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Umesh Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 50 dated 14.07.2020, under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Gardhiwal, District Hoshiarpur.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard at length and the case paper book has been perused.

Briefly, it may be noticed that FIR came to be registered on the complaint of Raunak Singh on the allegation that he had given Rs. 1 lakh to the petitioner herein for sending his son Gaurav to Dubai on a work permit visa. However, petitioner sent son of the complainant to Dubai on a tourist visa for a period of one month and the work permit was not arranged.

On the complainant demanding back his money, petitioner issued a cheque for Rs. 43,000/- and which upon presentation was dishonoured.

Counsel on a specific query having been put by this Court concedes that the petitioner is working as a travel agent. Issuance of the cheque of Rs. 43,000/- is also admitted,

Cases of such a nature wherein travel agents are duping innocent persons of their hard earned money by selling a foreign dream are on the rise.

It is a case where the amount of Rs. 1 lakh is yet to be recovered from the petitioner and an investigation ought to be carried out with regard to the dealings of the petitioner.

Facts and circumstances of the case may well warrant custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

In view of the above this Court is not inclined to accept the prayer for grant of concession of pre-arrest bail.

Petition dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No