

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

CRM-M-25837-2021

Date of decision:23.08.2021

Raminder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Gourav Goel, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Reply by way of affidavit dated 20.07.2021 of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, filed in the Registry, is taken on record.

Through this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.1 dated 01.01.2020 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act at Police Station Model Town, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been involved in the present case. He further submits that as per the allegations, the complainant had paid Rs.4,85,950/- to the accused by way of a demand draft, issued in the name of Paul Merchants Ltd. and the accused in the FIR have returned Rs.3,50,000/- to the complainant. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner and no offence, as alleged in the FIR, is made out against him.

Learned State counsel submits that a preliminary enquiry was

conducted in the present case and there are specific allegations against the petitioner and his wife-Saloni Saluja, who has been in custody since 20.03.2020. Moreover, there are twenty more FIRs registered against the petitioner in different States.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

As per the prosecution version, the petitioner had cheated the complainant on the pretext of sending his son abroad. As noticed above, there are as many as 20 other FIRs registered against the petitioner. It appears that the petitioner is in the habit of committing such type of offences.

Keeping in view the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, this Court finds that he is required for custodial interrogation.

Therefore, finding no merit in the present petition, the same is dismissed.

23.08.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No