

211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-31870-2021

Date of decision-25.11.2021

Santosh Raj @ Santosh Singh ...Petitioner
Vs.
State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Anil Kumar Spehia, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.80 dated 04.05.2021 under Section 420 Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13 Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Haryana, District Hoshiarpur. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 10.08.2021, whereby while issuing notice of motion, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel contends that as per allegations, the petitioner introduced the complainant with the travel agent, namely, Roshan Lal and the alleged amount paid by the victim was received by the said travel agent. According to him, the petitioner did not make any wrongful gain, therefore, in the given facts, his custodial interrogation may not be necessary.

Notice of motion for 25.11.2021.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction

of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by ASI Jagtar Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 10.08.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

25.11.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No