

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

CRM-M-32519-2021

DECIDED ON: 12th AUGUST, 2021

NARINDERPAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Ms. Sukhveer Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

[1] The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

[2] This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C is filed seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 53, dated 8th July, 2021, under Section 420 IPC registered at Police Station Bhaini Mian Khan, District Gurdaspur.

[3] FIR was at the instance of Gurpreet Singh. As per the contents of the FIR, petitioner was paid ₹70,000/- for getting the father's name of the complainant corrected in the passport. Neither the work was done nor the amount was refunded.

[4] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case of false implication. The petitioner is earning his livelihood by doing labour work and no amount was paid to him.

[5] Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail.

[6] Considering that no recovery is to be made and it is a case where custodial interrogation is not required, the petitioner is granted anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation within a week. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. He is directed to join the investigation as and when called for. He shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

[7] The petition is allowed.

[8] In case of failure of petitioner to join the investigation, the State would be at liberty to file an application for re-calling of this order.

12th AUGUST, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>