

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

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CRM-M-38005-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 12.10.2021

GURMAIL SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. P.P.S. Duggall, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 56 dated 14.04.2021, under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional (Regulations) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of three years in registering the FIR inasmuch as it is alleged that the petitioner and co-accused had taken a sum of ₹5,50,000/- from the complainant for sending her abroad, but the FIR was registered in April, 2021. He also contends that the complainant had expired later on and the matter has been compromised with her sister, who is mentioned in the complaint as a witness and in whose presence money had been given. The complainant was divorced and did not have any issue. He has referred to the copy of the compromise at Annexure P-2.

The petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by order dated 14.09.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Short reply by way of an affidavit of DSP, Sub Division Shahkot, Jalandhar (Rural) filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Dharminder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above especially when the matter has been compromised and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 14.09.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

12.10.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No