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

CRM-M No.46469 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.11.2021

Pardeep Goyal @ Pardeep Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Harpreet Singh Brar, Sr. Advocate
with Ms. Anshika Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.239 dated 18.09.2021 registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of Pardeep Kumar @ Bobby, it is stated that his father was known to the petitioner. It is further stated that his father was residing abroad and he was having business transactions with the petitioner from the year 2009 to 2016 and in that process, Rs.30 lacs was given. The father of the complainant died in Egypt in November, 2018 and thereafter, the present FIR has been registered. It is also submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the FIR has been registered after a period of 05 years of the alleged transaction in the year 2016 and in the absence of giving any detail of the transaction or mode of payment of money, date or time, the allegations are totally vague in the present FIR. It is further submitted

that even as per the own case of the complainant, there was some business transaction which show that it is a case of civil liability which has been given the shape of a criminal case.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State and submits that the petitioner is a politically influential person and has induced the complainant's father to invest some amount, however, it is not disputed that the case of the complainant is that there was some business transaction between the father of the complainant, who died in the year 2018.

After hearing the counsel for parties, considering the fact that the FIR has been registered at a much delayed stage and with the allegations that there was some business transaction without giving any details of such business transaction, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigation Officer within a period of 10 days from today to join the investigation and he will be released on interim bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No