

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

CRM-M-42824-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.11.2021

Gurmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Gursharan Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gautam Kaile, Advocate
for the complainant.

(Through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.232 dated 12.11.2020 under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Division-2, District Pathankot.

The operative part of the order dated 14.01.2021, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and there are no money transactions in his account. He would also place reliance on the status report filed by way of affidavit of Rajinder Singh PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City, Pathankot, wherein the details of various bank accounts have been furnished wherein the complainant has deposited the amount whereas the name

of the petitioner is not reflected as account holder.

Adjourned to 17.05.2021.”

The affidavit of the petitioner is taken on record. As per the affidavit, the petitioner has no relation with the persons mentioned in para 2 of the affidavit of the DSP, City, Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 14.01.2021, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, on instructions from ASI Rampal, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 14.01.2021, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

02.11.2021

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No