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

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Date of decision: 22.12.2021**

Vikramjeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Gurjot Singh Sadhrao, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.175 dated 26.05.2021, registered at Police Station Islamabad, Amritsar, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Act, 2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the complainant had allegedly made the payment to main accused, Maninder Kaur, who is related to him, and the petitioner was not a direct beneficiary of the payments.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Chaman Lal Pawar, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State, and submits that the petitioner alongwith co-accused in connivance with each other, had cheated the complainant on the pretext of sending the complainant, his wife

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and son to Canada. He draws the attention of this Court towards the findings recorded in the order dated 12.07.2021 passed by a Coordinate Bench in CRM-M-24282-2021, while dismissing the petition filed by the co-accused, Maninder Kaur.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

There are allegations against the petitioner that he alongwith co-accused enticed the complainant for sending the complainant, his wife and his son to Canada and received the amount from him and the cheques on different occasions, but they had been sent to other countries on Tourist Visa. Neither the complainant was sent abroad nor his money had been returned.

The Coordinate Bench, on 12.07.2021, while dismissing the petition filed by co-accused, Maninder Kaur, seeking anticipatory bail, noticed as under:

“Inquiry into the complaints was conducted by Assistant Commissioner of Police, Amritsar (West). In the inquiries it was found that Vikramjit Singh, his wife Navneet Kaur and Maninder Kaur in connivance with each other had misappropriated 13 kanal land worth Rs.48,00,000/- and Rs.9,00,000/- cash in lieu of sending Harpal Singh, his wife Lakhbir Kaur and their son Amritpal Singh to Canada. They had received Rs.17,45,000/- from Jasbir Singh in lieu of sending him to Canada. Instead of sending them to Canada, they were taken to different countries. It was further concluded that from the photographs of agreements executed with Maninder Kaur (petitioner) on 15.05.2019 and with Vikramjit Singh on 26.02.2020 produced by

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applicant Harpal Singh, photocopies of cheques of Maninder Kaur's bank account produced by Harpal Singh and Jasbir Singh and on hearing call recordings, involvement of Vikramjit Singh, his wife Navneet and Maninder Kaur (petitioner) defrauding Harpal Singh, his wife Lakhbir Kaur and their son Amritpal Singh and Jasbir Singh on the pretext of sending them to Canada was substantiated.”

Keeping in view the serious allegations levelled against the petitioner coupled with the role played by the petitioner in the commission of offence as discussed in the order dated 12.07.2021 passed by the Coordinate Bench while dismissing the petition of the co-accused, this Court find that the petitioner is required for custodial interrogation.

Therefore, finding no merit in the present petition, the same is dismissed.

22.12.2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No