

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

CRM-M-1688 of 2022

DECIDED ON:15th February, 2022

Ankit @ Mougli

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. I.S. Cooner, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking anticipatory bail in case of FIR No.330 dated 24.12.2021, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, registered at Police Station City Pehowa, District Kurukshetra.

The FIR was lodged on the basis of a complaint made by Harsh Deep. As per the allegations, Ankit Budhiraja (Ankit @ Mougli)-petitioner ostensibly received 16,000 Canadian dollar i.e. Rs.9,05,000/- in Indian Currency on pretext of sending wife of the complainant abroad. On his asking documents were handed over to the complainant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no fraud was committed by the petitioner. There is apprehension of arrest as the alleged offence is non-bailable.

On 14.1.2022, the petitioner made a statement before this Court that petitioner in order to show his *bonafide* is ready to deposit Rs.3,25,000/- with the trial Court subject to outcome of the trial. Today learned counsel for

the petitioner on instructions submits that the petitioner is not ready to deposit the amount.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner is involved in two more FIRs. He has duped the complainant of his hard earned money. It is further argued that the petitioner is not even adhering to the offer made before this Court.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the nature of allegations and the role attributed to the petitioner, *prima-facie* it is a case where custody would be required for deeper probe to unearth the *modus-operandi* being adopted by the petitioner.

Dismissed.

15th February, 2022

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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