

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Misc. No. M- 2310 of 2022

Date of Decision: 21.01.2022

Mansimran Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Harmandeep Singh Sullar, Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab, for the respondent.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

1. The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from the FIR No. 193 dated 10.09.2021, registered under Section 406 & 420 IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, at Police Station Rama Mandi, District Jalandhar.

2. As per the case of the prosecution, the first informant has been duped of ₹ 16,00,000/- on the false assurance of the accused who promised to help him to shift to Canada. The petitioner claims that he received the amount on behalf of his friend Satinder, which was, later on, transferred, as per his direction. The learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that the petitioner has, bonafidely, received the amount without knowing the purpose for which the payment was being made.

3. In the present case, the allegations of the prosecution are

serious. The petitioner does not dispute that he received an amount of

₹16,00,000/- and gave his own self-attested copy of the Aadhar Card. In the State of Punjab, there are large number of incidents where the fake travel agents dupe the rustic villagers of their valuable money, while falsely assuring to help these gullible villagers to illegally migrate to the foreign lands.

4. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, it is necessary to unearth the entire racket. Hence, no ground to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner is made out. Consequently, the present petition is dismissed.

(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

January 21, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No