

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12999-2022
Date of Decision: 29.03.2022

Vikas Sharma

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.417 dated 28.12.2021, under Sections 420, 465, 468 and 471 IPC, registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

As per the FIR which was lodged on the basis of a complaint made by one Satpal Narula that the petitioner had allured him for providing the job to his son in the Food Corporation of India since he has public links in the FCI and he had also helped some persons getting a job in the FCI and the same can be given to the son of the complainant as well and he demanded an amount of Rs. 6,00,000/- but deal was settled at Rs. 5,50,000/- and an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- was paid by the complainant to the

petitioner and thereafter the son of the complainant was supposed to be sent for training for two months but it was totally a false exercise and even a forged/false letter of appointment was also made. The petitioner is a Peon(Class IV employee) in the Judicial Courts at Faridkot.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in fact after the lodging of the present FIR the matter was compromised between the parties vide Annexure P-2 and since the matter has been compromised, he has prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

The allegations against the petitioner pertain to taking of Rs. 5,00,000/- from the complainant for getting the son of the complainant a job in Food Corporation of India which is a Government Sector Undertaking. The petitioner is a Class IV employee in Judicial Courts at Faridkot. A perusal of the compromise deed entered between the parties vide Annexure P-2 would show that nothing can be made out with regard to the fact that the allegations were false or concocted but the only ground taken in the compromise was that misunderstanding has been removed. In this way on the face of it, there is nothing to show that the complainant has not advanced an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- to the petitioner. The matter is still at the investigation stage and, therefore, in view of the aforesaid seriousness and gravity and also the fact that petitioner is an employee at Judicial Courts, this Court does not deem it fit and proper to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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

However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as

an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is meant for the purpose of deciding the present petition only.

29.03.2022

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No