

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-29654-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 12.01.2022

SUNIL KUMAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abhaysher Singh Gill, legal aid counsel for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.141 dated 31.07.2020, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the money was paid to the petitioner for sending the daughter of the complainant abroad. He, however, contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused just because he is cousin of co-accused Sukhi Rani. Sukhi Rani and daughter of the complainant were to travel abroad and money was in fact paid to one Manoj Kumar, who is proprietor of Global Placement Agency Private Limited, but neither Sukhi Rani nor the daughter of the complainant could travel abroad. The petitioner does not have criminal antecedents.

Learned counsel for the complainant states that in view of the serious allegation against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of

anticipatory bail. He also contends that there is reasonable apprehension that the petitioner might leave the country.

This Court, by the order dated 18.11.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Mewa Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 18.11.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so. The petitioner shall also surrender his passport with the trial court.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

12.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No