

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.103

CRM-M-688-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 09.01.2023

Makhan Singh Sidhu

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. A.S. Sra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is an accused in case FIR No.148 dated 28.10.2022 registered at Police Station, Dayalpura, District Bathinda, under Sections 420, 506, 406, 120-B IPC.

According to the contents of the FIR, the petitioner and his co-accused were entrusted the file of the daughter of the complainant for obtaining a visa for Canada. A sum of Rs.16,00,000/- was paid, but visa could not be obtained. Thereafter, a sum of Rs.12,00,000/- has been returned and a cheque of Rs.6,00,000/- has been dishonoured.

The Additional Session Judge, Bathinda granted anticipatory bail to the petitioner and directed him to join investigation vide order dated 19.12.2022. His anticipatory bail application was dismissed vide order dated 22.12.2022 as he did not join investigation. Thus, the present petition has been filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not join investigation as there are two cases of similar nature pending against him.

The submission of the learned counsel itself shows that the petitioner is a habitual offender. He takes money on the pretext of sending

people abroad, but is unable to send them abroad through legal means. Such offences are on the rise and need to be curbed. Thus, the petitioner does not deserve anticipatory bail.

The petition is accordingly, dismissed.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

09.01.2023
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No