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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14684 of 2023

Date of Decision: March 23, 2023

Satnam Singh @ Satta ...Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate for the
complainant.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

By way of this petition, prayer is made for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.31 dated 20.02.2023 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

FIR was lodged on the statement of Narinder Singh as per which petitioner – Satnam Singh @ Satta alongwith co-accused Pappu Singh, Harpreet Singh and Gurmukh Singh allured the complainant to send his son to Belgium for an amount of ₹30 lacs. In the FIR, details are given as to how ₹28.4 lacs was paid on different dates. It is alleged that instead of taking the son of the complainant by legal means, he was sent through donkey to the jungles in other countries, while keeping his passport with them. It is through those jungles that son of the complainant reached Belgium. Later on, cheque of ₹3,50,000/- was issued by co-accused Harpreet but that also bounced.

It is contended by learned counsel for petitioner that no

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amount has been paid through any bank transaction and that all amount is alleged to have been paid in cash. It is further contended that admittedly, son of the complainant is presently residing in Belgium and that the petitioner has no information about the passport of son of the complainant. It is further submitted that no compromise ever took place.

Notice of motion.

Mr. P.S. Pandher, AAG, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent- State and submits that recovery of passport of the son of the complainant is to be effected apart from huge cash amount paid to the petitioner and the co-accused.

Power of Attorney also filed on behalf of the complainant and it is submitted by counsel for the complainant that in fact son of the complainant was taken to Russia and left in the jungles and then Poland Army had taken him in his detention from where, son of the complainant was rescued by a relative of the complainant residing in Belgium. It is further submitted that passport of the son of the complainant is still lying with the petitioner and co-accused.

Having considered the submissions of both the sides, I find no ground to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner as allegations cannot be stated to be without any basis or false. His custodial interrogation may be necessary to further investigate the matter.

Dismissed.

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JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No