

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-16420 of 2022
Date of Decision:- 02.03.2023**

Gurpreet Kaur

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Joginder Pal Devgan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, AAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

Prayer is for grant for anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case having FIR No.118 dated 15.10.2021 registered under Sections 420 of IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran.

The allegations in brief are that the petitioner took amount of Rs.5,64,000/- from the complainant on the pretext of sending her abroad but thereafter the petitioner failed to do so and also misappropriated the said amount.

The counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police in compliance of the order dated 22.04.2022, whereby, the petitioner was further directed to handover a demand draft of Rs.1.5 lac with the investigating officer for its further delivery to the complainant. The counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has also handed over the draft of requisite amount to the investigating officer.

The State counsel on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh submits that the petitioner has made compliance of the aforesaid order by depositing the requisite demand draft and joining the investigation with the police. The State counsel further submits that now the petitioner is not required by the police for any further investigation or custodial interrogation.

The complainant's counsel has produced bank statement of the father-in-law of the complainant as per which amount of Rs.3,00,000/- was deposited in the bank account of the petitioner on 7.12.2019. The counsel for the complainant further submits that in all there is dispute of Rs.5,64,000/- between the parties, out of which the petitioner has deposited demand draft of Rs.1.5 lac with the investigating officer but the remaining amount is still standing due against the petitioner.

In light of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 22.04.2022 passed by the coordinate Bench of this Court is

hereby made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and further subject to deposit of demand draft of Rs.1 lac by the petitioner with the investigating officer, who is to further handover the same to the complainant. The said demand draft is to be deposited by the petitioner with the investigating officer within a period of next two months, failing which the present petition will be deemed to have been dismissed.

02.03.2023
P. Chawla

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No