

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

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CRM-M-21350-2022

Date of Decision: March 01, 2023

Surinder Singh Nijjer

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Jagdeep Singh Chahal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, DAG, Punjab

ANOOP CHITKARA J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.61, dated 28.03.2022 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC, 1860 and 24 of Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Phase-I, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Vide order dated 18.05.2022, Co-ordinate Bench of this Court had granted interim protection to the petitioner on the grounds of his being 68 years of age and also concerning his role.

Counsel for the State submits that after the interim protection, the petitioner did not join the investigation even once. The enquiry report reveals that he has similar type of multiple cases and his *modus operandi* is that in connivance with his daughter, he cheats the innocent people by promising them to get study visa in foreign countries especially in Canada. He further submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to find out involvement of the other persons in the case, if any.

In the present case, the police is able to get evidence against the petitioner about transfer of Rs.28 lacs in his bank account.

Since, considering the surface of the evidence coupled with the fact that the petitioner did not comply with the directions issued by this Court and did not join the investigation, he is not entitled for anticipatory bail.

In the entirety of facts and circumstances of the case, the present petition is dismissed. Interim order dated 18.05.2022 is recalled.

**(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE**

March 01, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

No