

2023:PHHC:134282

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

SR. No.107

**CRM-M-52578-2023
Date of decision:16.10.2023**

Balwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S. SHEKHAWAT

Present: Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate for the petitioner.

N.S. SHEKHAWAT, J.

1. Petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.69 dated 23.05.2022 registered under Sections 420/506 IPC at Police Station, Sadar Jalalabad, District Fazilka.
2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of a complaint moved by 17 victims, with whom the petitioner had committed a fraud. As per the complainants/victims, about two years ago, Balwinder Singh, petitioner/accused, told them that he could arrange a job for them in the Agriculture Department and they would have to pay a sum of Rs.1.5 lakhs per person. Out of the said amount, a sum of Rs.80,000/- was to be paid in advance and rest of the amount was to be paid after getting the job. To assure the victims, the petitioner had also issued cheques to them as security. After some time, the petitioner provided them P.C. letters, offer letters and conducted their interviews at A.D.B. Infotec Private Limited, Phase-8B, Mohali and even they were provided the training at Global Hub of Education, Sector-34, Chandigarh and were provided the training letters

also. After that, the petitioner had told them to wait for some time and he would get employment to all of them. As per the victims, there were 20 more students, with whom the petitioner had committed the fraud. After some time, when the employment was not provided by the petitioner and his brother, the victims demanded their money back, however, the petitioner and his co-accused started threatening the victims. The victims had further stated that they belong to poor families and had arranged the money with great difficulty, after borrowing the money from their acquaintances. With these allegations, the FIR in the present case was registered against the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had never issued any P.C. letters or joining letters to all the victims and the allegations against him are false. He also submits that no money was transferred in his bank account.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that a case of similar nature has already been registered against the present petitioner. He has further submitted that huge money was collected by the petitioner from the innocent students/victims, who had arranged the money with great difficulty. He further contends that the petitioner had issued security cheques from his account lying in Oriental Bank of Commerce in favour of the victims. This clearly establishes that the amount was collected by the present petitioner. Apart from that, the police had also collected P.C. letters and the offer letters issued to the victims by the present petitioner. This clearly shows that the petitioner had cheated the innocent students.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and perusing the case file minutely, this Court is of the view that there are serious and specific allegations against the present petitioner and he is the main accused. A similar nature of case has already been registered against the petitioner and thus, he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail at this stage.

6. In view of the above, the present petition stands dismissed, being devoid of any merits.

16.10.2023
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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES / NO
Whether Reportable:	YES / NO