

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

**CRM-M-65497-2023
DECIDED ON: 28.12.2023**

KARNAIL SINGH @ GOGA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Nirmal Singh Kandhola, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Section 438 Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.60, dated 29.09.2023, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of IPC, 1860 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala (Annexure P-1).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case along with his wife. He submits that the petitioner is not working as travel agent as alleged in the FIR and in fact the the petitioner had introduced the complainant to one Rajbir @ Buddu for the said purpose and in fact FIR No. 141 dated 26.04.2023, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014,, has already been registered at Police Station City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, against that Rajbir and other persons by the petitioner.

3. He placed reliance upon the order dated 21.11.2023 passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-58685-2003, whereby the co-accused of the petitioner namely Surinder Kaur @ Sulinder Kaur (wife of the petitioner) has been granted the concession of interim bail, which has subsequently been confirmed vide order dated 08.12.2023.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent, who does not controvert the fact that the petitioner is at parity with the co-accused namely Surinder Kaur @ Sulinder Kaur.

6. In the light of above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to join the investigation, subject to his furnishing personal/security bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. He shall join the investigation on 31.12.2023 at 10.00 AM with the Investigating Officer. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to join the investigation on the stipulated date and time given by this Court, respondent-State is at liberty to file an appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted by this Court. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

7. Ordered accordingly.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

28.12.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*
Whether reportable *Yes/No*