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

**CRM-M-7175-2024
DECIDED ON: 12.02.2024**

DEEPAK KUMAR**.....PETITIONER**

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB**.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.**

Present: Mr. Harpreet S. Rakhra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court under Section 438 Cr.P.C., has been invoked for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 233, Dated 03.10.2023, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Maqboolpura, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the name of the petitioner has been cropped up during the course of investigation and allegation qua the petitioner is that one Jatinder Singh @ Balraj Singh, who has impersonated himself as DSP is Delhi Police, had deposited some amount in the account of the petitioner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. At the asking of Court, Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, having served with an advance notice, accepts the same on behalf of respondent-

State of Punjab. He prays for dismissal of the present petition alleging that during the inquiry, it has come on record that accused Balraj Singh @ Jatinder Singh has impersonated himself as Deputy Superintendent of Police in Delhi Police and on that account have been demanding money by wrongful means from a common man. The petitioner is actively involved in the present case, as is evident from the fact that the amount has been deposited twice in his account. Thus, looking in to the gravity of offence, he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail and his custodial interrogation is must to unearth the ramifications involved in the present case.

5. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.

6. Admittedly, as per the statement made by the complainant before the police, he has paid entire amount in cash to Harpreet Kaur, Rajivinder Kaur and Navjot Kaur and they have given fake and forged joining letter to the complainant. During the inquiry the name of Balraj Singh @ Jatinder Singh has also figured out, who impersonated himself as Deputy Superintendent of Police in Delhi Police. It has also come on record that the amount has been deposited on two occasions in the account of the present petitioner, firstly on 29.03.2021 and secondly on 06.04.2022, which is sufficient for this Court to infer that he actively participated in commissioning of the offence. From the allegation, as narrated in the FIR it is abundantly clear that the petitioner along-with his co-accused persons has duped huge money from common men, on account of getting recruited in Delhi police or Punjab Police.

7. In view of the discussions made hereinabove, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail wherein, custodial interrogation is must, as has been argued by Mr. Davinder

Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab to ascertain the further connection and there is serious doubts to the prosecution that many other innocent people may have been duped on such fake assurances.

8. In the the light of above, the present petition is dismissed being devoid of any merits.

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>