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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM M-20991-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.05.2024

Lovepreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Sushil Kumar.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for seeking pre-arrest bail in FIR No.30 dated 13.02.2024 registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional (Regulations) Act, 2014, at Police Station, City Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

2. Status report dated 13.05.2024 by way of affidavit of Sh. Mohan Singh, PPS, DSP, City, District Gurdaspur filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record. Copy supplied to the other side. Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.

3. Petitioner along with co-accused Amit Tuli is alleged to have cheated 23 complainants/victims and swindled crores of rupees on the pretext of sending them abroad.

4. Learned counsel contends that petitioner was merely working with the travel agency in the capacity of an employee and it is Amit Tuli, who is the main culprit. The petitioner has unnecessarily been implicated in the present case. Also submits that aforesaid Amit Tuli has run away from the country and



his whereabouts are not known and even his family members are not aware; thus, submits that petitioner be directed to join the investigation.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer submits that main accused Amit Tuli has cheated as many as 23 persons and swindled an amount of Rs.1,88,96,688/- and out of that, a sum of Rs.8,24,102/- was transmitted in the account of petitioner.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

7. Although, petitioner was working as an employee with co-accused Amit Tuli, but it is the specific case of prosecution that an amount of Rs.8,24,102/- was transmitted in the account of petitioner by said Amit Tuli and he is still on run.

8. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present petition.

9. Consequently, there is no option, except to dismiss the petition.

10. Ordered accordingly.

11. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case in any manner.

12. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

13.05.2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No