



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

CRM-M-29886-2024

DECIDED ON: 13.06.2024

BAHAS KHAN ALIAS SHEHBAZ MOHAMMAD

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Abdul Aziz, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

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.79, dated 03.05.2024, under Sections 406, 420 IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is an unexplained delay of more than 11 months in lodging the present FIR as the alleged incident has taken place in the month of May and June, 2023 whereas the present FIR has been lodged on 03.05.2024. It has been further asserted that as per the prosecution story, the petitioner and his brother disclosed the complainant that they are known to one person namely Sonu @ Gurpreet Singh who had earlier gone to Dubai and now a days, is in the business of sending the young boys like him to abroad on work visa and also told that he charges a normal fee and thereafter, introduced the complainant

to Sonu @ Gurpreet Singh. He further contends that the allegations levelled in the instant FIR are not against the petitioner but against the other co-accused. It has been asserted on behalf of the petitioner that nothing is to be recovered from the present petitioner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and on instructions from ASI Surjit Singh very fairly submits that nothing is to be recovered from the present petitioner.

In the light of above, the petitioner is directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation with the Investigating Officer concerned within a period of one week from today, on furnishing of personal/surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stands cancelled.

The petition in the aforesaid terms stands allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

13.06.2024
Poonam Negi

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