



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-47584-2024

Date of Decision:- 04.12.2024

MANPREET

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner has filed instant petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.23 dated 17.05.2023 under Section 420 IPC (Sections 465/467/468/471/120-B IPC) registered at Police Station Airport, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.
2. Brief facts of the case are that Manpreet son of Soni Ram holding Indian Passport No.T9671552 approached for Departure Immigration Clerance to Dubai on Tourist Visa. During scrutiny of documents and further interaction, it was found that Croatia visa issued from New Delhi, pasted on his passport at page No.13 was fake/forged. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.
3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that in-fact he is the victim in this case as fake visa was handed over to him by travel agency in the name and style of J.S. Traveller who named Jatinder Singh and Vinod Gheru for issuing fake visa. Present petitioner had no role to play. He has

already joined investigation in pursuance of order dated 23.09.2024.

Therefore, his anticipatory bail application may be allowed.

4. Status report filed confirming that petitioner has joined the investigation. Co-accused Jatinder Singh was already granted interim relief which was made absolute vide order dated 18.08.2023 in CRM-M-34944-2023. Present petitioner was apprehended when he was to travel and on the checking of documents it was found that there was fake visa of Croatia on his passport. Since petitioner has joined investigation, therefore, he is not required for any other purpose.

5. Considering the status report and the fact that petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for any other purpose. Therefore, anticipatory bail application filed by petitioner is allowed. He be not arrested. In case he is arrested, he be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer subject to the condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required. He will not tamper with or interfere with the investigation and will not leave the country without prior permission as provided under Section 438 (2) of Cr.P.C.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

04.12.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.
Whether reportable: Yes/No