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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-61186-2024 (O&M)  
Date of decision:- 09.12.2024

Sarbjeet Singh  
Versus  
State of Punjab  
...Petitioner(s)  
...Respondent(s)

CORAM:     HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present:-     Mr. Vinod K. Kaushal, Advocate,  
                         for the petitioner.  
  
                         Mr. Shekhar Verma, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.  
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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (ORAL)

1.             The petitioner apprehending his arrest has filed this petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 011, dated 11.01.2011 under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Raja Sansi, District Amritsar City, Amritsar in respect of offence of cheating and criminal conspiracy arising out of an incident of duping the complainant by extending false promise of sending him abroad.
2.             The incident had taken place sometime in 2008, whereafter FIR was lodged on 11.01.2011. Since then the petitioner is absconding and has since been declared as Proclaimed Offender by invoking Sections 82 and 83 Cr.P.C. (now Sections 84 and 85 of the BNSS, 2023) on 12.05.2012.
3.             Considering the fact that the petitioner has been keeping away from the clutches of law and has delayed trial, therefore, grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner would amount to granting him premium to default.

4. In view of the aforesaid, no ground for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made out.
5. The petition, accordingly, stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)  
CHIEF JUSTICE

09.12.2024  
Amodh Sharma

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |