

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

2024:PHHC:166360



CRM-M No. 62006 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.12.2024

Ashok Kumar

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Ravinder Bangar, Advocate, for the petitioner,
(through v.c.)
Mr. Shekhar Verma, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

The petitioner, who has no criminal antecedents, apprehends his arrest in respect of the offences of cheating, criminal breach of trust and criminal conspiracy as alleged in case FIR No. 93 dated 13.11.2024 under Sections 420/406/120-B of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Nurpur Bedi, District Rupnagar, Punjab arising out of an incident where amount of Rs.9,80,000/- was demanded and paid by the complainant on the promise extended by co-accused Neeraj Kumar who happens to be the son of the petitioner for getting public employment for the son of the complainant.

2. Considering the age of the petitioner being senior citizen and the fact that he has no criminal antecedents and there appears to be no possibility of fleeing from justice, this Court extends the benefit of anticipatory bail to the petitioner with stringent conditions subject to his furnishing personal bonds for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties of

the like amount each to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. In case the petitioner does not join the investigation, the State is free to move an application for cancellation of his bail.

3. This order shall also remain subject to the following condition:-
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The petitioner shall plant 10 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the concerned Police Station where the FIR has been registered within a period of 15 days and if there is no such intimation submitted or intimation is found to be incorrect, then the State can move an application for cancellation of his bail.
4. The petition stands allowed.

(SHEEL NAGU)

CHIEF JUSTICE

12.12.2024

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Whetherspeaking/reasoned	√Yes/No
Whetherreportable	Yes/No√