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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1646-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 03.02.2025

BALRAJ SINGH

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present : Mr. Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case
FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
109	10.09.2023	420 IPC and 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014	Division D, District Amritsar

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in compliance to the order dated 15.01.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such interim bail granted to the petitioner may be confirmed.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions received from ASI



Gurjeet Singh has intimated that the petitioner has joined investigation and is no more required for any custodial investigation in this case nor he is required for further investigation.

4. Heard.

5. During the course of hearing on 15.01.2025 the following order was passed:-

“2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He contends that the petitioner happens to be the registered travel agent and on the asking of the complainant for sending his son and daughter in-law abroad, the petitioner had done the processing work and also deposited the fee etc., but, later on, as the son and daughter in-law of the complainant changed their mind, the petitioner had returned the amount received from the complainant after deducting the fees/charges etc., paid for such purpose to the Universities.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has referred to the specific averments made in the petition itself to say that the amount of Rs. 12,27,971/- was received from the complainant by the petitioner out of which on her asking, the Firm had returned Rs. 10,70,000/- through Bank transaction. He contends that the petitioner is being harassed by the police at the instance of complainant without any rhyme or reason and the complainant herself is not clear as to the exact amount paid to the petitioner and in this regard, learned counsel for the petitioner has referred to the FIR to say that the complainant alleged having paid Rs. 16.00 lacs to the petitioner out of which Rs. 9.5 lacs have been returned whereas during inquiry, also part of the FIR itself, the version has come forward that she has paid Rs. 13.61 lacs to the petitioner out of which Rs. 9.5 lacs had been returned. He contends that although one more case is registered against the petitioner but he is on bail therein. Hence, prays for grant of anticipatory bail

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatta, DAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Staterespondent and prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

6. Adjourned to 03.02.2025.

7. Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite



8. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS).

9. Investigating Officer (concerned) to remain present in Court along with relevant records on the date fixed .”

6. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 15.01.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 15.01.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

7. The petition stands allowed.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

03.02.2025

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |