



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

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Date of decision: 09.07.2025

Inderjeet Singh @ Lovi @ Babbu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Anil K. Sagar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in case FIR No.196 dated 03.12.2024 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the IPC, 1860 and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Phase-1, District S.A.S. Nagar.

2. Status report by way of affidavit of Prithvi Singh Chahal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division City-1, District S.A.S. Nagar, has been filed in the Court today which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions. A copy of the same has been supplied to the counsel opposite.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a perusal of the FIR, annexed as Annexure P-1, reveals that other than his name being mentioned by the complainant therein, no role, direct or indirect,



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has been attributed to the petitioner by the complainant. Rather, as per the allegations the complainant interacted throughout with one of the co-accused Payal, who allegedly lured him to part with a substantial amount of money on an assurance of arranging for his work visa abroad. It has been contended that the petitioner was merely an employee of the private immigration company. Furthermore, even the alleged amount which was given by the complainant in lieu of assurance given to arrange for the work visa of the complainant, had not been handed over to the petitioner but to co-accused Payal. Learned counsel has, therefore, prayed that in the aforementioned facts and circumstances moreso when it is a case triable by Magistrate and challan already stands presented, his further incarceration would serve no useful purpose as the trial would take considerable time to conclude.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, has not disputed the custody period of the petitioner nor has he, on instructions, has disputed the contents of the FIR and therein no direct or indirect role having been attributed to him. However, learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner has been booked in as many as 08 other FIRs at the instance of different complainants. It has also not been disputed that as many as 15 witnesses have been cited by the prosecution and, therefore, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material placed on record.



6. Before proceeding further, it would be relevant to reproduce the FIR in question which reads as under:-

“To, The Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS NAGAR MOHALI. Subject: Complaint against Rudraksh Group Overseas solution through its Authorized Representative/director/partner at SCO No. 15-16 Top Floor Phase-1, Mohali, Phone No. 0172-5063778, 0172-5063767 and 7527905227 and Ms. Payal Councillor of Rudraksh Group Overseas solution and officials of Rudraksh Group Overseas solution namely Inderjeet, Achmad, Ekta, Deepak Aroara, Rajni and Manraj for cheating and criminal misappropriation of money. With due respect it is submitted that I Monu Rana, S/o Sh. Jasmer, R/o H No. 2349, Pundri Road Near Fullu patti, Rajaund, Post Office Rajaund District Kaithal Haryana. Was under compelling circumstances force to approach your Good self. 1. That the brother applicant is living in Dubai and was planning to move to Canada and during this applicant came in contact with the above named accused company through social media, as the accused company had given an advertisement on social media platform showing a rosy picture regarding easy process of sending the people abroad on work permit. 2. That after seeing the advertisement the applicant was impressed and send his contact number on the social media platform of accused company thereafter the applicant received a phone call from the office of accused company. The person talking on phone call showed a rosy picture to the applicant and assured the applicant that they will process the file of brother of applicant immediately and the brother of applicant will move abroad with work permit within days. 3. That on the assurance allorment of the accused company the applicant on behalf of his brother namely Sonu Rana visited the office of accused company on 18.09.2023 at SCO No. 15-16 Top Floor Phase-1, Mohali. The applicant was attended by Ms. Payal who shows rosy pictures to the applicant and assured the applicant that their company will assure work visa to the brother of applicant within few days. 4. That Ms. Payal told applicant that the total cost for work permit would be Rs.9,50,000/- and further ask him to deposit initial amount of Rs.5000/- as processing charges through Google Pay on 18.09.2023. A recipet was also issued. Copy of the same is attached herewith. 5. That thereafter on the asking of Ms. Payal the applicant again transferred a sum of Rs.600,000/- in the account of accused company (i.e Rs 200,000/- (Two Lacs) On 13.10.2023 and Rs 400,000/- (Four Lacs) on 01.11.2023). A recipet was also issued.



Copy of the same is attached herewith. Thereafter the accused company also executed an agreement with the applicant. Copy of the same is attached herewith. 6. That thereafter the applicant along with his brother visited office of the accused company and inquired/verify the status of his work permit as assured by the official of the accused company, but the accused company always lingered on the process on one pretext or the other. Every time the applicant is assigned a new officer giving one or the other reason and the official is giving one excuse or the other to the applicant for delay in process of work permit of the applicant. 7. That from the acts and conducts of the officials of the accused company it is crystal clear that the intention of the accused company and its officials was malafide from the very beginning and their intention from the very beginning was to cheat the applicant and to misappropriate the amount of the applicant. 8. That you are, therefore, requested to kindly look into the matter. An FIR may please be registered against the above named persons for cheating, playing fraud and misappropriation of money.”

7. A perusal of the FIR undoubtedly reveals that other than being named as an employee of the immigration firm, no allegation has been levelled against the petitioner of having lured the complainant to part with any amount of money on an assurance of sending him abroad on work visa. As not disputed by the learned State counsel also, there is no money trail between the petitioner and the complainant. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court deems it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, keeping in view the pendency of other criminal cases against the petitioner involving identical offences, the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate



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concerned, may impose any additional stringent conditions as it deems fit to ensure the presence of the petitioner before the learned Trial Court on each and every date of hearing.

9. It is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

10. Needless to add, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the same.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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