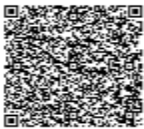


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-5794-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 31.01.2025

Sukhwinder Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Robindeep Singh Bhullar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.175
dated 19.08.2024 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian
Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the
petitioner is a small time match maker and he has not played any role in the

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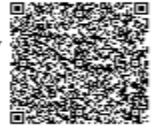
alleged incident. Initially, veracity of the allegations made by the complainant were thoroughly examined and complicity of the petitioner was not found, as such, FIR (*supra*) was registered only against co-accused.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel appears on advance notice and opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner introduced Manpreet Singh Dhaliwal to co-accused Jagtar Singh and induced him to enter into the agreement dated 21.08.2023. The petitioner was well aware that co-accused Jagtar Singh is impersonating himself as Varinder Singh Sandhu and the petitioner signed the said agreement as a marginal witnesses and also identified co-accused Jagtar Singh as Varinder Singh Sandhu before the purchaser Manpreet Singh Dhaliwal. As such, the petitioner played active role in the commission of offence and he is part of a gang, who allures innocent citizens on the pretext of getting them settled abroad by arranging marriage with NRI girls and more than 20 FIRs have been registered against kingpin Narinder Kaur Purewal. The petitioner is involved in two more cases.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

5. In view the facts and circumstances of the case and also in view of the fact that the investigation is at the initial stage and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to ascertain the *modus operandi* in committing the

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crime and he is involved in two more cases, this Court finds no ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.

7. However, nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits without being prejudiced by the observations of this Court.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

31.01.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No