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

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**CRM-M-6092-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 18.03.2025**

Ranjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Rahul Dhanda, Advocate for
Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. S.S.Chahal, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Daljeet Singh, Advocate for respondent No.2.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest
bail to the petitioner in FIR No.118 dated 18.12.2024, under Sections 420
and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at
Police Station Sadar Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

2. Allegations are that petitioner in connivance with co-accused
cheated complainant to the tune of Rs.37 lakh approximately, on pretext of
sending his son abroad, but failed to do so.

3. Short reply by way of affidavit dated 17.03.2025 of Mr. Mohan
Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City, District Gurdaspur on
behalf of respondent has been filed and the same is taken on record. Copy
supplied to the other side.

Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.



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4. Contends that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.02.2025 and in pursuance thereof, he has already joined the investigation; hence, his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. The above factual position is not disputed by learned State Counsel, on instructions from quarter concerned and submits that his custodial interrogation is not required. Learned Counsel for the complainant also acknowledged the factum of settlement.

6. Learned counsel for the complainant contends that now matter has been amicably settled between the parties i.e petitioner as well as complainant.

7. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

8. It transpires that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.02.2025 and the order reads as under:-

“Contends, inter alia, that alleged amount of Rs.8 lakh is stated to have been paid to the petitioner from 04.04.2019 uptill 16.03.2020; whereas present FIR is registered on 18.12.2024 and there is no explanation for such a huge delay.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

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In the meanwhile, the petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer, but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing.”

9. It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

10. In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Consequently, present petition



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is allowed; interim order dated 03.02.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

11. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

12. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

13. It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

18.03.2025
Rajeev (rvs)

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No