

2025:PHHC:068354



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

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CRM-M-9549-2025

Date of decision: May 21, 2025

RAGHU NATH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab with
ASI Batinder Kumar.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.217 dated 31.12.2020, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 24 of Immigration Act, 1983, registered at Police Station Shimlapuri, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

2. On 19.02.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under: -

“Learned counsel for the petitioner while drawing the attention of this Court to the FIR submits that a perusal of the same clearly reveals that the lure of sending the son of the petitioner abroad was not given by the petitioner but by his daughter. It is further submitted that even otherwise, there is no direct bank transaction between the complainant and the petitioner and an amount of Rs.1 lakh out of the total amount of Rs.4.5 lakhs had been deposited in the Bank, by Muskan, daughter of the



petitioner, who is already on bail. On a pointed query as to whether the petitioner has any previous criminal antecedents, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an 81 years old man and has no previous criminal antecedents.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 19.02.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 19.02.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

May 21, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*