

2025:PHHC:069613



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11077-2025

Date of decision: May 22, 2025

YUVRAJ SOBTI

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. G.S. Jagpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
with ASI Laxman Dass.

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.19 dated 25.01.2025, under Section 318(4) of BNS, 2023 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar (Annexure P-1).

2. On 27.02.2025, 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, inter alia, contends that on the face of it, totally fabricated and false case has been planted upon the petitioner, the petitioner undisputedly is a travel agent, and an agreement dated 30.05.2023 had indeed been executed between the complainant and the petitioner for helping the complainant with the work permit for Poland, in lieu of Rs.4.5 lakhs. Thereafter, the work permit of the complainant had been



obtained by the petitioner, however, it was the complainant, who failed to appear before the embassy for carrying out the other requisite formalities including biometric. Learned counsel submits that in the circumstances, the petitioner cannot be blamed. It has been further submitted by the learned counsel that the amount of Rs.2 lakhs, which had been deposited in his bank account by the complainant, was the fees which had been charged from the complainant.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated that in compliance of order dated 27.02.2025, 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 27.02.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

May 22, 2025

Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*