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

**CRM-M-11097-2025
Date of Decision:05.03.2025**

MANOHAR LAL SONI

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Kushager Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.213 dated 13.08.2024, registered under Sections 406, 420 & 506 IPC, 1860, Police Station Ding, Sirsa, District Sirsa.

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of statement of Rajwinder Singh son of Chanan Singh. As per complainant, there are four named accused, who had cheated him to the tune of Rs.8,00,000/- on the pretext of sending him abroad.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that even though the petitioner has been named in the FIR as one of the accused, but the limited role



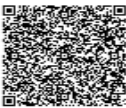
assigned to him is that he had introduced the main accused to the complainant in the present case. It is apparent from the record that the petitioner had not received any money himself nor had made any assurance. The petitioner is a senior citizen and was earlier working in the bank and is having clean antecedents. He has referred to the order Annexure P-2 to contend that co-accused Naveen Verma has offered to deposit a sum of Rs.4,00,000/- with the trial Court within a period of one week from 11.02.2025 and has been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 01.01.2025 and is in custody for the last more than two months. Even the investigation is almost complete and the challan is likely to be presented against him.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been leveled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

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

6. It is not in dispute that all the offences in the present case are triable by the Court of Magistrate and the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 02 months. Even Naveen Verma, one of the main accused has already been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court. Thus, further custody of the petitioner may not serve any useful purpose.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his



furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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