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

CRM-M-18659-2025

Date of Decision:20.08.2025

Rajinder Kumar

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

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

Present : Mr. J.K.Singla, Advocate and
Ms. Suman Rani, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for respondent No.2/complainant.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of B.N.S.S with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.31, dated 15.03.2025, under Section 420 of IPC, registered at Police Station City Rampura, District Bathinda (Annexure P-1).

2. While granting the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court on 04.04.2025, this Court had noticed the following contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the father of the complainant has already got registered one FIR No.196 dated 26.06.2015, under Sections 420,467,468,471,477-A,120-B of IPC, Police Station Sardul Shahar, District Ganga Nagar, Rajasthan against the present petitioner with similar allegations and now the present FIR is an instrument of misuse of process of law. He

further contends that even in the FIR, the complainant has not offered any explanation for the inordinate delay of 03 years and a civil dispute has been illegally converted into a criminal offence.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated the submissions and further submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation may not be required.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel also submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for further investigation.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2 has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been leveled against him and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

6. In view of the above statement made by learned State counsel, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 04.04.2025 is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S.

7. Pending application(s) stand(s) also disposed of.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

20.08.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No