

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-18204-2025
Date of decision: 22.05.2025

IQBAL SINGH
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB
....Petitioner
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Ms. Gulveer Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH. J.(Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Iqbal Singh, aged about 18 years	25	16.02.2025	420, 120-B read with Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014	Gate Hakima	Police Commissionerate, Amritsar

2. Ms. Samanpreet Kaur, Advocate, put in an appearance on behalf of the respondent, and files his *Memorandum of Appearance*, which is taken on

record.

3. Status report dated 20.05.2025 by way of an affidavit of Gagandeep Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Central), Amritsar City, (Additional Charge) has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same is taken on record.

4. On 03.04.2025, following order was passed:-

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2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that both the petitioner and his father have been implicated as accused in the present case. At the time of the alleged deal between the accused party and the complainant/victim, the petitioner was under the age of 18 years. Consequently, it is contended that the petitioner was never in a position to influence or allure individuals such as the complainant's son, who were much more mature in age.

3. Learned counsel further points out that, as per the FIR, there is no specific allegation regarding the petitioner promising anyone the opportunity to send them abroad in exchange for money. Therefore, it is



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argued that the petitioner's involvement in the present case is baseless. Thus, he prays for concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, as the allegations against him are unfounded.

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report.*

6. *Adjourned to 22.05.2025.*

7. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

8. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

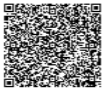
It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 03.04.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated.

6. Learned State counsel on instructions from Investigating Officer, confirms the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required now for the purpose of investigation.

7. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

8. Since the petitioner has joined the investigation, custodial



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interrogation is no more required, present petition is allowed and ad-interim order dated 03.04.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

9. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

22.05.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No