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

**CRM-M-19652-2025 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 15.05.2025**

**Gurdeep Singh**

**... Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**... Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**

Present: Mr. P.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate  
for the complainant.

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**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya  
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.226  
dated 23.08.2023 under Sections 420 & 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860,  
registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa

2. Brief facts of the case are that FIR (*supra*) was registered on the  
basis of an application moved by complainant Rupinder Kaur on the  
allegations that she had completed GNM Nursing and was unemployed. After

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seeing the advertisement of a company namely 'Quickness', which was providing work permit of Canada, on 13.10.2019, she along with her husband Sukhjinder Singh and two other persons namely Jeet Singh and Jaspreet Singh, visited office of the company situated at Mohali, where the accused met them and assured to provide work permit/visa within three months. Co-accused Kuldeep Singh Gill and Jagdeep Singh told that their company sent 700-800 persons to Canada. Thereafter, the complainant paid Rs.13,000/- to the accused persons against total registration fee of Rs.25,000/-. The accused told her to make the payment in 2-3 installments. On 16.10.2019, the accused said that her registration has been done and asked to pay remaining amount of Rs.12,000/-. They further asked her to make full payment in order to conduct the medical and procure the work permit/visa. On this, the complainant arranged the money from his near and dear. Further, on 16.10.2019, at about 7/8 p.m., co-accused Jagjit Singh Gill made a phone call and asked to pay the amount to Kuldeep Singh Gill, who would meet at Mansa and said to take receipt thereof from him. On 17.10.2019 at about 4/5 p.m., the complainant along with her husband and one of the relative Jaspreet Singh paid Rs.4.00 lakhs to Jagdeep Singh on asking of Kuldeep Singh Gill and a receipt was given. Said accused Jagdeep Singh said to have further talks with Kuldeep Singh Gill, who, by making a phone call from mobile No.88427-811421 to mobile No.62399-29048, asked to pay Rs.50,000/- more and the same were paid on 19.10.2019.

3. It is further alleged in the FIR (*supra*) that on 13.11.2019, accused

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Kuldeep Singh Gill made a phone call from his mobile Nos.95170-77777 and 78170-07000 to her mobile No.62399-29048 to reach Mohali tomorrow for conducting the medical and also to pay the remaining amount. On the next day, her medical was conducted at Clinical Lab, Mohali, on which, Rs.50,000/- were incurred. Thereafter, she met Kuldeep Singh Gill in his office and he said that visa would be received within a period of 15 days and asked to make full payment. On 21.11.2019, the complainant along with her father-in-law Jeet Singh and her husband Sukhjinder met Kuldeep Singh Gill at Mansukh Dhaba and paid cash of Rs.2.00 lakhs to him. After that, the said accused said that due to strictness in Canada, visa will be delayed by 20 days and promised to inform them about receipt of visa at the earliest. However, after passing of 2-3 months, when visa was not received, the complainant along with her husband and Jaspreet Singh visited the office of accused, where the employees namely Jaswinder Singh, Navjot Singh, Navneet Kaur, N.S. Maan and Khushi were present, who were obtaining signatures on papers, did not allow them to meet the main accused and said to talk on phone. However, on 26.05.2020, Kuldeep Singh Gill made a phone call to the complainant informing about receiving of visa for her and asked to deposit Rs.50,000/- immediately. On this, her husband, after withdrawing Rs.30,000/- from Axis Bank, Budhlada, deposited in the account of accused bearing No.91802009018843, but did not receive any visa. Thereafter, the accused persons made excuses and did not provide visa and thus, they, in connivance with each other, have cheated the complainant.



Hence, the FIR (*supra*).

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is only an employee of immigration firm and main accused is one Maninder Singh. The petitioner is not named in the FIR (*supra*) and there is no evidence available on record to indicate his complicity in the inducement of the complainant.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that during the investigation, it was found that the petitioner introduced himself as Maninder Singh and as such, his intention to cheat from the very inception is clearly discernible from his conduct. In this regard, DDR No.20 dated 14.02.2025 was recorded that the petitioner has introduced himself as Maninder Singh and duped the complainant on the pretext of sending her abroad. Neither any process for visa was initiated nor the amount of Rs.9,20,000/- obtained from the complainant has been returned.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is imperative to conduct proper, fair and effective investigation. As such, this Court finds no ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.

8. However, nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as



expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits without being prejudiced by the observations of this Court.

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**[ HARPREET SINGH BRAR ]**  
**JUDGE**

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