

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

CRM-M-23397-2025

Reserved on: 4th August, 2025

Pronounced on: 11th August, 2025

Gurpreet Singh Sahota

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Saurabh Dalal, Advocate for the petitioner.

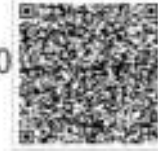
Ms. Himani Arora, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Kamaljeet Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J :-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 375 dated 14.08.2017 registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 and 406 of IPC at Police Station City Ambala, District Ambala.

2. As per the allegations, the petitioner had induced the complainant Bhupinder Singh to part with a sum of Rs. 10,00,000/- by alluring him that he would send the son of the complainant abroad on study visa. He had prepared false and fabricated documents in the form of PR letters, flying order, accommodation letter and had given the same to the complainant by projecting that they had been issued by the concerned authorities. He also got one air ticket booked in the name of son of the



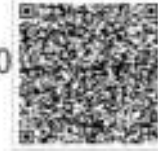
complainant but subsequently got it cancelled. When the complainant asked him to return his money, he was abused by the family members of the petitioner.

3. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner had absconded to avoid his arrest and could not be apprehended. Proceedings for declaring him a proclaimed person were initiated and he was ultimately declared as such on 29.10.2018.

4. As per the record, the petitioner had been arrested in two other cases of similar nature. His production in this case was secured by issuance of production warrants. He was joined into investigation on 14.07.2022. He suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime. Investigation now stands completed and the petitioner along with the co-accused is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offences.

5. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since long. Trial will take time to conclude. The subject offences are triable by Magistrate. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

6. Status report has been filed. It is argued by learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant that the petitioner is a habitual offender as many as eight other cases of similar nature has been registered against him. He is also an absconder as he was declared a proclaimed person. The trial is at its fag end. There are chances of his absconding again, if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.



7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the record carefully.

8. The petitioner is alleged to have duped the complainant of an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- on the pretext of sending his son abroad. He had absconded subsequently. He is a habitual offender as he is involved in several other cases of similar nature. Most of the prosecution witnesses already stand examined. The apprehension that he may abscond again cannot be stated to be unfounded. It can also not be stated that there would be any undue delay in conclusion of the trial. Taking into consideration the antecedents of the petitioner, his act and conduct, nature of the allegations as levelled against him and the attendant facts and circumstances but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, I am of the considered opinion that the petition does not deserve to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.

9. Since the main petition has been dismissed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

11th August, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*