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

CRM-M-43754-2025

Date of Decision: 11.08.2025

NIHAL SINGH

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. Kamlesh Anand, Advocate with
Mr. Ajay Khatana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.K. Ambavta, DAG, Haryana.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.213 dated 01.09.2023, registered at Police Station Sadar Kanina, District Mahendergarh (Annexure P-1), under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 506, 201 120-B and 34 of IPC, 1860.

2. The present case was registered on the basis of complaint given to the police by Anter Singh son of Jaggan Singh with the allegation that one academy is situated in Village Kharkada Bas which trains children for army recruitment. He had sent his son Ramesh to the house of his sister and brother-in-law in Village Kharkada Bas for the training in the year 2019 where many children were being imparted the training. His sister's son Ranbir and Bhagmal's grandson Vikram also started practicing with them. Accused Nihal Singh and Narender who are



father and son respectively approached his brother-in-law Ram Avtar and claimed that they have links with higher ups and they will help their children in getting recruited in Territorial Army in October, 2019 for which they will have to pay Rs.8 lakh per person. Thereafter, they received Rs.24 lakh from them and promised to get their children recruited but they kept on prolonging for a long time and no appointment letters were ever issued. In January, 2023, they all requested them to return their money and a Panchayat was convened on 15.02.2023 when accused got issued, one cheque of Rs.5 lakh in favour of Bhagmal, one cheque of Rs.8 lakh in favour of Ranbir and one cheque of Rs.7 lakh in favour of Sandeep, from one Surender Singh and promised to pay the balance amount in cash. They objected to it and asked them to issue cheques from their own account but accused told them that he is their friend and, on their assurance, they accepted the cheques. However, the cheques were dishonored and when they again contacted them, and Nihal Singh took original cheques and return memos from Ram Avtar and Bhagmal and told them that he will issue a notice and the money will be received but he did not handover his own cheque to him. Then another Panchayat was convened on 11.05.2023 in which accused Nihal Singh claimed that he is an Advocate and told them that he will not return any money and asked them to take any action whatever they want. With these allegations formal FIR was registered and accused namely Narender Singh was arrested. Apprehending arrest, the petitioner applied for anticipatory bail before the Court of Sessions at Narnaul but the same was rejected.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that petitioner has



been falsely implicated in the present case. He is an ex-serviceman and now a practicing Advocate. No academy is being run by the petitioner and he has been implicated to pressurize him to pay the money as his son is running the academy. No money was ever paid to him or his son. Learned counsel further contended that FIR has been lodged after a long delay of more than 4 years and a false story has been concocted taking advantage of the delay in lodging the FIR. Learned counsel further contended that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and to abide by the conditions that may be imposed by the Court and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in his favour.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel argued that petitioner has committed a heinous offence and he has duped three persons of huge amount in conspiracy with his son. Custodial interrogation of the petitioner is essential to unearth the prosecution story and in case, petitioner is interrogated under the protective umbrella of the order of this Court, he will not answer the questions in the right earnest. Learned State counsel prayed that the anticipatory bail application of the petitioner be dismissed.

5. The allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. He has been specifically named in the FIR as one of the conspirators. He alongwith his son had taken a sum of Rs.24 lakh from the complainant and two other persons with a promise to get their children recruited in territorial army. Thereafter, he got issued three cheques for Rs.5 lakh, Rs.8 lakh and Rs.7 lakh in favour of the victims through one Surrender Singh who is his acquaintance which have been dishonored. Involvement of petitioner in committing the crime is thus *prima facie* established and

his custodial interrogation is thus essential to unfold the investigation and the manner in which the conspiracy was hatched and the victims were cheated. Such type of offences are increasing day by day and have to be dealt with deterrent hand.

6. Taking into consideration the facts of the present case, I am of the considered opinion that petitioner does not deserve concession of anticipatory bail and the bail application is accordingly dismissed.

7. Pending misc. application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No