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

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CRM-M-45182-2025

Date of decision: 20.08.2025

GULJAR SINGH

..PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RAMESH KUMARI

Present: Ms. Shubreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

RAMESH KUMARI, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS for brevity) for releasing the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in case FIR No.0110 dated 01.10.2024, registered at Police Station Division 7, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar under Sections 406, 420, 467 (wrongly mentioned as 476 IPC) and 120-B Indian Penal Code (for brevity "IPC").

The allegations against the petitioner are that he took Rs. 30 lacs from the complainant on the pretext of sending him to

Australia but he was given only one fake Australia visa; out of Rs. 30 lacs, he refunded Rs. 9 lacs to the complainant and failed to pay the remaining amount. Learned counsel for the petitioner also contended that co-accused-Yashpal Bindra, against whom similar allegations, have been levelled, has been given the benefit of pre-arrest bail by the learned Sessions Judge, Jalandhar vide order dated 29.10.2024 (Annexure P-2); whereas the pre-arrest bail application of the petitioner has been dismissed vide order dated 09.07.2025 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Jalandhar (Annexure P-3).

The allegations against the co-accused/Yashpal Bindra are that he introduced the complainant with petitioner, whereas the allegations against the petitioner are that he deprived the complainant of Rs. 30 lacs on pretext of sending him to Australia, but had got visa for him which was fake. He had returned only Rs. 9 lacs to the complainant but failed to return the remaining amount. The menace of *kabootarbazi* is on the rise. Gullible persons are deprived of their hard earned money on the pretext of showing them green pastures and to curb this tendency, it is imperative that the persons like the petitioner be dealt with strictly.

No merit in the present petition is found and the same is dismissed.

20.08.2025
Poonam Sharma

(RAMESH KUMARI)
JUDGE