

CRM-M-51047-2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 10.03.2025

Gurmeet Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Advocate and
Mr. Ankur Lal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, A.A.G., Haryana.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
286	05.09.2024	Sadar Pehowa, District Kurukshetra	406, 420, 506 IPC and 10/24 of Immigration Act

1. The petitioner apprehending arrest in the FIR captioned above has come up before this Court under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, [BNSS], seeking anticipatory bail.
2. In paragraph 27 of the bail petition, the accused declares that he has no criminal antecedents.
3. The facts and allegations are being taken from reply filed by State counsel in CRM-M-49474-2024, which reads as follows:

“3. That the brief fact of the case are that the present petitioner/accused along with co-accused duped the complainant of Rs. 14 Lac on the pretext of sending his brother Sagar to Italy. The brother of the complainant was never sent to Italy by the accused person/present petitioner and was sent to Dubai and from Dubai to Russia, thereafter from Russia to Belarus and from Belarus to Poland and thereafter from Poland of Portugal through Donkey. It is further mentioned that now the brother of the complainant is residing in Portugal illegally. The accused person/petitioner did not return the money of the complainant.”

4. The petitioner's counsel prays for bail by imposing any stringent conditions and contends that pre-trial incarceration would cause an irreversible injustice to the petitioner and their family.



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5. The State's counsel opposes bail.
6. Counsel for the petitioner submits that they have entered into out of Court settlement with the complainant and has handed over a copy of the compromise to this Court which is taken on record in CRM-M-49474-2024. Counsel submits that they have already supplied the copy of compromise to the Investigator. In case, the same is not supplied, the same shall be handed over by 15.03.2025.
7. Given the fact of compromise between the parties, pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post-conviction sentencing. The evidence might be prima facie sufficient to launch prosecution or to frame charges, but this Court is not considering the evidence at that stage but is analyzing it for the stage of anticipatory bail. An analysis of the above does not justify custodial interrogation or pre-trial incarceration.
8. Given the above, the penal provisions invoked coupled with the prima facie analysis of the nature of allegations and the other factors peculiar to this case, there would be no justifiability for custodial interrogation or the pre-trial incarceration at this stage. Without commenting on the case's merits, in the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, and for the reasons mentioned above, the petitioner makes a case for bail. This order shall come into force from the time it is uploaded on this Court's official webpage.
9. Given above, provided the petitioner is not required in any other case, the petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail in the FIR captioned above subject to furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, and if the matter is before a Court, then the concerned Court and due to unavailability before any nearest Ilaka Magistrate/duty Magistrate. Before accepting the surety, the concerned Officer/Court must be satisfied that if the accused fails to appear, such surety can produce the accused.
10. While furnishing a personal bond, the petitioner shall mention the following personal identification details:
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| 1. | AADHAR number | |
| 2. | Passport number (If available) and when the attesting officer/court considers it appropriate or considers the accused a flight risk. | |
| 3. | Mobile number (If available) | |
| 4. | E-Mail id (If available) | |
11. This order is subject to the petitioner's complying with the following terms.
12. The petitioner is directed to join the investigation within seven days of uploading this order on the official webpage of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana and as and when called by the Investigator. The petitioner shall be in deemed custody for Section 27



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of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872/ Section 23 of BSA, 2023. The petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer or any Superior Officer and shall cooperate with the investigation at all further stages as required. In the event of failure to do so, the prosecution will be open to seeking cancellation of the bail. During the investigation, the petitioner shall not be subjected to third-degree, indecent language, inhuman treatment, etc.

13. In case the Investigator/Officer-In-Charge of the concerned Police Station arraigns another section of any penal offense in this FIR, and if the new section prescribes a maximum sentence that is not greater than the sections mentioned above, then this bail order shall be deemed to have also been passed for the newly added section(s). However, suppose the newly inserted sections prescribe a sentence exceeding the maximum sentence prescribed in the sections mentioned above; then, in that case, the Investigator/Officer-In-Charge shall give the petitioner notice of a minimum of seven days, providing an opportunity to avail the remedies available in law.

14. This bail is conditional, and the foundational condition is that if the petitioner indulges in any non-bailable offense, the State shall file an application for cancellation of this bail before the Sessions Court, which shall be at liberty to cancel this bail.

15. Any observation made hereinabove is neither an expression of opinion on the case's merits nor shall the trial Court advert to these comments.

16. A certified copy of this order would not be needed for furnishing bonds, and any Advocate for the Petitioner can download this order along with case status from the official web page of this Court and attest it to be a true copy. If the attesting officer wants to verify its authenticity, such an officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for attesting bonds.

17. **Petition allowed** in terms mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

10.03.2025
Jyoti Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No.