

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

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CRM-M-65629-2024

Date of decision: 19th February, 2025

Satyapal Singh @ Satpal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Sant Lal Barwala, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Poswal, AAG, Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
596	07.08.2023	Azad Nagar, Hisar, District Hisar	406, 420 and 506 of IPC, 1860

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that the aforementioned FIR has been registered on the basis of a complaint lodged by the complainant- Jasbir Singh on the allegations that in the year 2021, he was induced by the co-accused Baljeet Singh to part with a sum of Rs. 12,00,000/- by representing that the petitioner, who was having close relations with him, was in contact with the Vice Chancellor of Haryana Agricultural University and with political figures and both of them

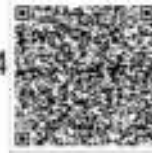


were involved in getting public persons appointed in Government Jobs. He also represented that he would get his son appointed on permanent post of Clerk in Haryana Agricultural University. Being trapped by the petitioner and co-accused, the complainant agreed to the offer made by the petitioner and co-accused to give a sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- before appointment of his son and the remaining amount thereafter. On asking of the accused Baljeet, the complainant got transferred a sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- in the bank account of the petitioner through the bank account of his nephew Sameer on 13.09.2021. Thereafter, the petitioner and co-accused started avoiding any contact with the complainant and kept on putting him off. When the complainant insisted for refunding of his money, they started extending threats to him. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings have been initiated and are underway. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner moved an application for grant of anticipatory bail which was dismissed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hisar vide order dated 29.11.2024.

3. Vide order dated 01.01.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. The amount of Rs. 6,00,000/- was credited in his account at the behest of co-accused Baljeet, with whom he is having financial transactions. The case is based on documentary evidence. His custodial interrogation is not required as he has joined the investigation and is ready to join the investigation further. No recovery is to be effected from him. Therefore, it is urged that he deserves to be extended benefit of pre-arrest bail.

5. Status report has been filed by respondent-State. It is argued by



learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana that though the petitioner has joined the investigation but he is not co-operating. It is submitted that his custodial interrogation is required for effecting recovery of the money deposited in his bank account by the complainant and therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

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

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to have cheated the complainant by inducing him to part with a sum of Rs.6,00,000/- on the pretext of getting his son appointed in Haryana Agricultural University with an dishonest intention. He has joined the investigation. His custodial interrogation has been sought for the purpose of effecting recovery of a sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- alleged to be deposited in his bank account by the complainant. The petitioner has already joined the investigation. Given the nature of allegations, no pre-trial incarceration is required. As such, without commenting on merits of case, it is observed that a case for release of petitioner on bail is made out. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 01.01.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

7. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

19th February, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned
2. Whether reportable

: Yes / No
: Yes / No