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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision :16.03.2026

PAL SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Ankush Duhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Viney Phogat, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Vineet Chaudhary, Advocate
for the complainant.

(THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING)

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 482 BNSS in case bearing FIR No.68 dated 01.02.2025 registered under Sections 406 and 420 IPC at Police Station Sadar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra.

2. On 24.04.2025, the following order was passed:-

Anticipatory bail under Section 482 BNSS			
FIR No.	Date	Police Station	Sections
68	01.02.2025	Sadar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra	406, 420 IPC

Notice served upon the official respondent through the State's counsel.



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Counsel for the complainant opposes the present bail petition.

The Senior Most Investigator conducting the investigation in the FIR captioned above is to file/hand over the status report/instructions positively before the next date, failing which the concerned Superintendent of Police or an equivalent or higher Police Officer shall file/hand over their Reply/Response/Instructions/Status report by the extended date, and if it is still not filed, the concerned Inspector General of police shall have to file it.

The Reply/Response/Instructions/Status report shall also mention the following details under the following headings:

A. The amount and/or value of the proceeds of crime involved in this FIR.

B. The amount and/or value of the proceeds of crime involved in this FIR attributed to the petitioner.

C. The amount/value of the proceeds of crime involved in this FIR, which have been recovered and/or frozen.

D. The amount/value of the proceeds of crime involved in this FIR, which have been recovered from the petitioner and/or frozen of the petitioner.

E. The evidence based on which the petitioner was arraigned as an accused.

F. The Evidence against the petitioner.

G. The role of the petitioner.

H. Petitioner's criminal antecedents, except for the FIRs in which the petitioner was absolved, discharged, or acquitted.

List on 08.05.2025.

In the meantime, the petitioner's arrest shall remain stayed in the FIR captioned above until further orders subject to joining investigation on 01.05.2025 and 02.05.2025 at 10:00 am in the concerned police station. In case, he fails to do so, on this ground alone, interim protection shall stand vacated. However, it is clarified that the order of stay shall not be construed as order of bail.

It is clarified that in case, if complainant wants to be present at the me of investigation for limited period, investigator shall allow



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him, if he wants to do so. Complainant also to hand over copy of passport, educational certificate and other skills certificate to the investigator.

3. Thereafter, on 15.05.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Status report dated 07.05.2025 filed by State counsel today in the Court is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to counsel for the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that interim order be extended and petitioner voluntarily will cooperate in recovery of money without conceding and admitting, subject to all just all exceptions. He further submits that he would voluntarily disclose all his bank accounts and assets.

Counsel for the complainant submits that he is more interested in recovery of proceeds of crime instead of prosecution, as such, the investigator should take steps to recover the money.

Be that as it may, Investigator is directed to take steps to recover the proceeds of crime which was attributed to petitioner and in case, such recovery is not possible, investigator shall ask for freezing all of the bank accounts of the petitioner to the extent of proceeds of crime gone to petitioner. In case, money has been transferred from the petitioner’s accounts to some other account without any contractual requirements i.e for purchase etc. even all such accounts shall also be freezed to the extent of transferred amount.

Complainant is also permitted to join into investigation at least one of the occasion.

List on 03.07.2025.

Interim order to continue till the next date of hearing.”

4. Thereafter, on 15.05.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Counsel for the complainant submits that the petitioner and accused had allured her by showing greener pasture abroad which led them to pay Rs.20,00,000/-.



Investigator is directed to take steps to recover the proceeds of the crime after verifying that according to the investigation what was the actual amount received by the petitioner-Pal Singh. To that extent, investigator can recover money even by freezing his bank accounts.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that order of interim protection i.e. petitioner’s stay on arrest not be recalled and to show her bona fide, petitioner is ready to declare all his and his spouse assets voluntarily, in any format as specified by this Court and would not claim such declaration as any incrimination or violation of his rights under Articles 20/21 of the Constitution of India, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 or any other law in force.

Given the voluntary statement that the petitioner shall not claim any prejudice in declaration of assets, let the petitioner handover his and his spouse two notarized affidavits (one for investigator and one for the complainant), mentioning the complete following details, held by him either individually or jointly, and cash-in-hand.It is clarified that if the petitioner do not want to declare his and his spouse assets, this Court shall not draw any adverse inference against the petitioner. The petitioner to declare all his and his spouse assets in the following formats in Rupees (INR):

1)	Total value of all net worth as of 31 Mar 2025	
2)	The current total value of all net worth	
3)	Cash in hand as of date (Indian Rupee)	
4)	Cash in hand as of date (All other currencies)	
5)	Details of all bank accounts in India including in Post Offices	
6)	Details of all bank accounts outside India	
7)	The current amount in cash, savings, checking, and deposit accounts	



8)	Cryptocurrency	
9)	Total value of equity shares as of 31 Mar 2025	
10)	Total value of mutual funds as of 31 Mar 2025	
11)	Current total value of equity shares, mutual funds & debentures. (Write details of every instrument)	
12)	Total value of recurring deposits, fixed deposits, bonds, pension plans, GPF, PPF, NPS & annuity insurance policies as of 31 Mar 2025 (Write details of every instrument)	
13)	Current total value of recurring deposits, fixed deposits, bonds, pension plans & annuity insurance policies (Write details of every instrument)	
14)	The current total market value of all jewelry, sovereign metals, artifacts, antiques etc.	
15)	The current total market value of the property including buildings, land, etc. with its area and location	
16)	Total income in FY 2024-25, including farms, agriculture, horticulture, wages, salaries, commissions, interests, royalties, rent, income from business, any other income, and gifts received from other family members. (Write separate details of every head)	
17)	All lockers, including those in banks	
18)	Enter the details of vehicles owned or in possession.	
19)	Any other asset or income	
20)	Total liabilities as of 31 March 2025 (Including loans)	
21)	Current total liabilities (Including loans)	
22)	Approximate expenditure during FY 2024-25	
23)	Dependent family members and any other person who is dependent on the Applicant	



24)	Monthly expenses on medical, education, rentals, transportation, livelihood	
25)	Any other expenditure	

List on 01.08.2025.

Interim order to continue till the next date of hearing

5. Thereafter, on 01.08.2025, the following order was passed:-
“Order dated 03.07.2025 regarding declaration of assets is recalled.
Counsel for the petitioner seeks time to argue the matter on merits.
List on 04.09.2025.
Interim order to continue.”
6. Thereafter, on 08.01.2026, the following order was passed:-
“It has been contended by the learned State counsel that the petitioners have not joined the investigation, and, therefore, the investigation has not proceeded further.
The learned counsel for the petitioner(s) have submitted that the petitioners have no objection in joining the investigation.
In view of above, the petitioners are hereby directed to join the investigation before the date fixed in these petitions, as and when called by the Investigating Officer.
Adjourned to 09.02.2026.
Till then, interim order to continue.
A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.”

7. Despite passing of the aforementioned orders, the petitioner has not joined investigation. A perusal of the FIR would otherwise reveal that the complainant has been cheated of a huge amount of money on the pretext of sending his nephew abroad.
8. In view of the fact that the allegations are grave, the offence is prima facie stands established and the petitioner is deliberately stalling the

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investigation by not joining the same, the petitioner is not entitled to the grant of anticipatory bail.

9. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, I find no merit in the present petition. Therefore, the same stands dismissed.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

16.03.2026
JITESH

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No