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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on:27.03.2026

VishalPetitioner
Versus
State of Haryana and anotherRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Parveen, Advocate for
Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Parveen Kumar, Add. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. S.S. Mor, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station
Vishal	20	28.01.2025	406, 420 IPC	Jind Sadar, District Jind

2. Earlier to the registration of present FIR, one Navjot, wife of Vishal (the petitioner herein), got FIR No. 622 dated 16.09.2024 registered under Sections 109(1), 132, 221, 3(5), and 354 of BNS. It was alleged therein that she received a phone call from Vishal and a boy named Rahul, informing her that he was calling from the Delhi Police, and that Vishnu Rana, Gaurav, Rahul Antil, and Mohit were also present

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with him. A demand of ₹25 lakhs was raised, failing which they threatened to kill her husband Vishal. Thereupon, the complainant Navjot informed her family members.

In the said FIR, it was further alleged that accused persons had also called her brother in law, who was staying in America, and demanded a ransom of ₹1 crore from him.

3. After the registration of FIR No. 622 (supra), one of the accused-Gaurav, who is related as the son of the complainant Kaptan Singh in the present petition, was implicated. Thereafter, Kaptan Singh got the present impugned FIR registered against Vishal @ Bheekhu and Rahul, alleging that, under the pretext of sending his son to the USA, he had been defrauded of an amount of ₹30 lakhs.

4. Upon being asked by the Court, learned counsel appearing for the complainant submitted that the alleged amount in the present case was paid in November 2023, wherein a sum of ₹5,30,000/- was transferred through a bank transaction into the account of Vishal. In the aforesaid context, learned counsel for the complainant has also relied upon certain still photographs and submitted that, as per the said photographs, it can be noticed that some cash amount had been received by the petitioner.

5. However, from the said photographs, it cannot be conclusively presumed that the said amount was received under the pretext of sending the complainant's son to the USA. This aspect would

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necessarily be required to be established by the prosecution/complainant by leading cogent and substantial evidence during the course of trial.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances, prima facie, it appears that the allegations levelled in the present FIR require deeper examination and investigation. Merely because petitioner is involved in some other cases, it cannot be presumed at this stage that he has committed the present offence as well.

Another aspect that cannot be overlooked is that the alleged amount of ₹5,30,000/- was paid by the complainant in November 2023, i.e., about 13–14 months prior to the registration of the present FIR. During this period, an FIR had already been registered against the son of the complainant.

7. Be that as it may, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to join the investigation within two weeks from today or as and when called by the concerned Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. Petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he



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possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 27, 2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**