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

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Decided on :21.05.2026**

Rajinder Singh

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Dr. Naresh Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.54 dated 24.03.2025, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 24 of Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Amargarh, District Malerkotla.

2. As per the allegations, accused persons had assured that if an amount of Rs. 40 lakhs was paid, complainant-Harmanpreet Singh, would be sent to the USA. Allegations in the FIR against the petitioner are that he demande Rs. 2,50,000/- for processing the file and thereafter an additional amount of Rs. 5,15,000/- for purchasing foreign currency. An amount of Rs. 28 lakhs was paid to petitioner-Rajinder Singh, and co-accused-Inderjit Rana. After receiving the said amount, complainant was informed that the amount had already been paid to Sarabjit Singh and Karan Bath; however, they have not been arrayed as accused by the



police in the present case. It is further alleged that the amount in question was paid in cash.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is 70 years of age and is in custody since 09.02.2026, i.e., for the last three months. Learned counsel further submits that the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate. Moreover, authenticity of the alleged cash payments can only be determined by the trial Court after the parties adduce complete evidence before it. Challan has already been filed before the Court; however, process of recording evidence is yet to commence. Accordingly, learned counsel prays for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail and submits that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, involving cheating and misappropriation of a substantial amount on the false pretext of sending the complainant abroad. It is contended that the petitioner, in connivance with the co-accused, induced the complainant to part with huge sums of money and played an active role in the commission of the offence. Accordingly, learned State counsel prays for dismissal of present petition.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully perused the paper-book, along with the documents appended thereto.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case and considering the fact that petitioner is 70 years of age and is in custody since 09.02.2026, moreover, offences alleged are triable by the Court of

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Magistrate, challan has already been presented, and the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude, this Court deems it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

8. Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

21.05.2026***Rashmi***

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*