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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 19.03.2026

Ankit Kapoor

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Sanyam Khetarpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Nitish Sharma, Advocate for the complainant
(through video conferencing).

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), 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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Ankit Kapoor	355	03.08.2024	406, 420, 120-B IPC	Kotwali	Faridabad , Haryana

2. After hearing learned counsel for the parties on 27.01.2026 following was recorded:

- “1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of anticipatory bail, in case, FIR No.355, dated 03.08.2024, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Faridabad.

2. Complainant, Shagun Bhardwaj, has alleged that the accused, Ankit Kapoor (petitioner herein), runs an immigration



company and demanded an amount of approximately Rs.80 lakhs from him for arranging a visa for Canada. Out of this, an amount of Rs.58 lakhs was allegedly paid in several installments. Complainant had arranged the money through a bank loan in the name of his wife, Anju Dubey, which was facilitated by the petitioner. For arranging the said bank loan, petitioner introduced the complainant to a DSA, namely Ishant Setia, who had also met the complainant in the petitioner's office. Subsequently, a loan amount of Rs.63 lakhs was sanctioned by various banks.

3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that only an amount of Rs.1.50 lakhs was once paid, and FIR, registered on 03.08.2024, is based on a concocted version of events. It is further submitted that no such amounts were ever deposited in the petitioner's bank account. Therefore, allegations in the FIR are baseless and devoid of evidence warranting custodial interrogation.*

4. *On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed a detailed status report dated 23.01.2026, which is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place in the file.*

5. *Having considered the communications between the complainant and the petitioner, prima facie, this Court is not satisfied with the submissions addressed by counsel for the petitioner.*

However, counsel for the petitioner insists that sufficient material is available with the petitioner to demonstrate that complainant was employed in the petitioner's office for several years and, during that period, he had traveled abroad multiple times. Complainant had independently obtained bank loans for his own purposes, and allegations in the present case appear to have been fabricated to implicate the petitioner falsely.

6. *To enable the petitioner to place on record documents depicting the complainant's employment, proceedings are adjourned to 24.02.2026.*



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7. *On the next date of hearing, concerned Investigating Officer shall explain the steps taken by him, in accordance with law, to apprehend the accused persons, following registration of the FIR.*”

3. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, since petitioner has been arrested during the pendency of the present petition, same has been rendered infructuous.

4. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of as having become infructuous

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

19.03.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO