

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:034423



(211)

CRM-M-56605-2024

Date of Decision: 11.03.2025

Harbans Lal

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present:- Mr. Hoshiar Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab with
ASI Bharat Bhushan.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.J (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 in case FIR No.75 dated 14.06.2023 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, registered at Police Station, Civil Lines, Patiala.

On 26.11.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of “no coercive step” to the petitioner:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that essentially the dispute, if any, between the parties is of a civil nature, however, for reasons rather obvious, a twisted and fabricated version has been brought forth by the complainant, who admittedly had some business dealings with the petitioner’s biological father; it has been further argued that it is after eight years of the alleged assurance given by the petitioner to the complainant that he would help him get work permit in Canada in lieu of ₹40 lakh, the instant FIR had been

registered, which further lends credence to the false implication of the petitioner.”

On 05.12.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Amrit Singh, has not disputed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the last date of hearing that the alleged assurance was given to the complainant by the petitioner eight years prior to the registration of the FIR in question that he would help in getting him a work permit in Canada in lieu of Rs.40.00 lacs.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 05.12.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 05.12.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

11.03.2025

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