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

**CRM-M-4169-2025**

Date of decision: 23.05.2025

Gurmit Lal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Madan Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab, with SI Sukhwinder Singh.

Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, Advocate, for the complainant.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail, under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, in FIR No.02, dated 02.01.2025, under Sections 406, 420 of IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station City Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.

2. On 24.01.2025, 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 counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR also, it was the co-accused who had induced the complainant to part with Rs.13,20,000/- to send the son of the complainant to Australia.

However, since the co-accused were unable to abide by the undertaking given, the petitioner just acted as a mediator between the parties to sort out the dispute and was a signatory to the agreement between the co-accused and the complainant, which, however, subsequently failed.

On a pointed query to the counsel for the petitioner as to whether the petitioner has any previous criminal antecedents, he has categorically replied in the negative.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 24.01.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having 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.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 24.01.2025, 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**

**May 23, 2025**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No