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

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**CRM-M No.34217 of 2025
Date of Decision: 20.08.2025**

Suriya ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Sandeep Lather, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, DAG, Haryana,
for the respondent-State.

Mr. Surinder Singh Duhan, Advocate,
for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNSS") seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
130	21.06.2024	Bass, Hansi, District Hisar	406 and 420 of IPC

2. As per the allegations, the complainant Ravinder Kumar along with other victims Krishan, Vijay and Jaiveer filed a joint complaint on the allegations that the petitioner along with the co-accused had duped them of a sum of Rs.18,39,500/- on the promise of arranging employment in some foreign country. Neither they arranged the

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employment of the victims nor returned the money and had usurped the same with intention to cause wrongful loss to them and to defraud them. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner had applied for grant of pre arrest bail. He had been granted interim bail by this Court but the same was subsequently dismissed. He surrendered before the Court on 17.04.2025. On interrogation, he suffered disclosure statement admitting that the victim Vijay had paid a sum of Rs.6 lakhs to him in cash and an amount of Rs.1,50,000/- through bank transaction. He also admitted the factum of receiving money from the other victims. Investigation has since been completed and challan has been presented against the petitioner.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since 17.04.2025. The trial will take considerable time. His further incarceration will not serve any useful purpose. The subject offences are triable by Magistrate. He has a permanent abode. There are no chances of his absconding. His antecedents are also clean. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report and custody certificate have been filed. Learned Deputy Advocate General, Haryana assisted by learned counsel for the complainant has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations, the petitioner does not deserve to be released on bail.

5. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to have

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induced the victims/complainat to part with a huge amount of money on the promise of sending them/their wards abroad and are alleged to have caused wrongful loss to them. The petitioner is in custody since 17.04.2025. He does not have any criminal antecedents. Co-accused are yet to be arrested. Some money has been effected from him. The trial will take time. In the considered opinion of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody any more. It is well settled proposition of law that bail is the rule and jail is an exception. Keeping in view the above discussed facts and circumstances but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, this Court is of the opinion that the petition deserves to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

20.08.2025

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No