

Jagraj Singh Versus State of Punjab

Present: Sh. Gurvinder Singha, Advocate, for applicant.
Sh. Munish Singla, Addl. Public Prosecutor for the State
assisted by ASI Ajaib Singh alongwith Shri GS Mann, Ld.
Counsel for the complainant.

ORDER

1) This order of mine shall dispose of first anticipatory bail application under Section 482 BNSS filed by applicant Jagraj Singh, in FIR No.90 dated 14.07.2026, under Sections 318(4), 316(2) and 61(2) of BNS, PS Cheema.

2) Ld.counsel for the applicant has submitted that applicant has been falsely implicated. Complainant could not honour his deal for purchase of horse and the civil matter is given colour of criminal proceeding. Applicant apprehends his arrest at the hands of police. Applicant is ready to join the investigation and he has prayed to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the applicant.

3) On the other hand, Ld. Addl. Public Prosecutor for the State assisted by ASI Ajaib Singh alongwith learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the bail application alleging that applicant along with his co-accused had cheated the complainant of a sum of Rs.6,00,000/-. So, applicant does not deserve the concession of anticipatory and they have prayed for dismissal of the bail application. Police record has been produced, which is seen and returned.

4) I have considered the submissions advanced by both sides and have perused the record.

5) Perusal of file reveals that this case was registered on the complaint filed by Gurmail Singh alleging that he is running a grocery shop and Harpreet Singh, a co villager often used to visit him and he told that he acts as a mediator for the purchase of horses of good brands. On 10.03.2026 Goga Khan visited his shop and told that he has to purchase the horse and he further told that he has come to know that a co villager of their village mediates for the purchase of horses, upon which, he referred the name of Harpreet Singh @ Happy and Goga Khan asked him for arranging meeting with Harpreet Singh @ Happy and told that he would also keep him as a mediator. He arranged meeting of Goga Khan with Harpreet Singh @ Happy who had discussion. Harpreet Singh @ Happy told that there is one horse at Village Talwandi Aklia and he can get Goga Khan said horse. Goga Khan told that he would keep complainant as a mediator.

6) On 11.03.2026 he alongwith Harpreet Singh and Goga Khan went to Talwandi Aklia. Harpreet Singh took them to the house Jugraj Singh and his horse was shown to Goga Khan and the deal was struck for a sum of Rs.25 lacs. Goga Khan paid a sum of Rs.3 lacs on account of earnest money and told that the entire payment would be made through Gurmail Singh (complainant) as Gurmail Singh arranged his meeting with Harpreet Singh. Jugraj Singh took his phone number. On the next day, Jugraj Singh made him a call and told him that Goga Khan had sent Rs.3 lacs more and a sum of Rs.6 lacs has been received by him and he demanded Rs.6 lacs more as he intended to purchase another horse. He then had a discussion with Goga Khan who told that

he has sold the horse purchased from Jugraj Singh. Goga Khan asked him to pay Rs.6 lacs to Jugraj Singh and he would return the amount within 08-10 days and would pay the remaining sale consideration to Jugraj Singh and take the delivery of the horse. He came into the talks of Goga Khan and brought Rs.3 lacs from his commission agent on 13.03.2026 and had Rs.2 lacs lying at his house. He made a telephonic call to Jugraj Singh asking him to collect the amount from his house and on 14.03.2026 he paid Rs.05 lacs to Jugraj Singh in cash and a sum of Rs.1 lac was got transferred by him from the account of Lovish Garg, friend of his son in the account of Jagtar Singh at the instance of Jugraj Singh as Jugraj Singh told that Jagtar Singh is his first cousin. The amount was also paid in the presence of Harpreet Singh @ Happy. After 05-06 days when Goga Singh did not visit nor responded to his call, he came to know that all the three persons had conspired together and cheated him of a sum of Rs.6 lacs. So he prayed for action

7) Complaint of the complainant was enquired and allegations were found made out. It was found that Harpreet Singh @ Happy and Jugraj Singh had conspired together and cheated the complainant.

8) The bank statement of Lovish Garg is on the record showing transfer of Rs.1 lac in the account of Jagtar Singh on 14.03.2026. There is also statement of Goga Khan on the police file showing that Harpreet Singh @ happy and Jugraj Singh deal in sale and purchase of horses and they had deal of purchase of one horse with

Gurmail Singh for a sum of Rs.12 lacs and a sum of Rs.1 lac through bank transfer was paid and Rs.3 lacs was paid in cash and remaining amount of Rs.8 lacs was not paid by Gurmail Singh and as such, horse was not given to him which is in possession of Harpreet Singh @ Happy. Statement of Jagsir Singh Sarpanch is also on the record showing payment of Rs.6 lacs made by Gurmail Singh to Harpreet Singh @ Happy being payment towards the purchase of horse.

9) So there are allegations of payment of Rs.5 lacs in cash to Jugraj Singh and Rs.1 lac through bank transfers in the account of Jagtar Singh, cousin of Jugraj Singh at the instance of applicant. Harpreet Singh @ Happy and Jugraj Singh had conspired together and cheated complainant of a sum of Rs.6 lacs. The role of Goga Khan who had allegedly visited complainant and sought his help for arranging his meeting with Harpreet Singh @ Happy in purchase of a horse is also suspicious. Complainant has been made to part with the sum of Rs.6 lacs which was paid by him to Jugraj Singh for the part payment of the sale consideration of the horse which was purchased by Goga Khan at the instance of Goga Khan in the presence of Harpreet Singh. There is growing tendency amongst people to cheat innocent villagers and enrich themselves. Custodial interrogation of applicant is required to elicit his role in cheating the complainant. So, I find no sufficient ground to grant him concession of bail. As such, his bail application is dismissed. File be consigned to record room.

Pronounced in Open Court:
13.08.2026

(Sanjeeta)
Addl. Sessions Judge,
Sangrur (UID-PB0177)

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