

IN THE COURT OF SH. KAMALDEEP SINGH,
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, PATIALA
UID NO. (PB0270)

CNR No. PBPT01-000545-2026
CIS No. BA-143-2026
Date of Order: 22.01.2026

Vikas Mehta aged about 40 years son of Ramesh Mehta, resident of
House No.611, Street No.06, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tripuri, Patiala.

..... Applicant

VERSUS

1.State of Punjab

2/ SHO/ IO/Arresting Officer of P.S.Patran, District Patiala

.... Respondents

FIR No.335 dated 24.11.2024
U/s 406, 420, 120-B IPC,
Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional
Regulation Act added later on
P.S. Patran, District Patiala.

BAIL APPLICATION U/S 482 BNSS

Present: Sh. A.S.Bhatia, Advocate for accused/applicants.
Sh. Sonu Bansal, Addl.P.P for the State.

ORDER

1. Record received. Arguments heard.
2. Learned counsel for the applicants has argued that applicants have been falsely implicated in the present case and have not committed any offence and applicant has already granted regular bail under Sections

406, 420, 120-B IPC, but during the investigation, Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act has been added in the present FIR and challan has been presented before the Court after adding the said Section and applicant has not granted any bail under the said Section. Learned counsel further submitted that since applicant has been granted regular bail under the main Section, therefore, no useful purpose shall be served by detaining the applicant behind the bars under Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, as investigation is complete and challan has already been presented. Therefore, custodial interrogation of applicant is also not required. Accordingly, learned counsel prayed that anticipatory bail application may kindly be allowed.

3. On the other hand, learned APP for the State has argued that applicants have committed very serious offence under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, as applicant has committed cheating and criminal breach of trust with the complainant on the pretext of sending him abroad and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act was added during the investigation and challan has been presented after completing the investigation. Learned APP for the State further submitted that there is every possibility that applicant may misuse the concession of anticipatory bail and may abscond from the jurisdiction of the Court. Therefore, applicant does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail. Therefore, learned APP for the State prayed for dismissal of the present anticipatory bail application.

4. After hearing the arguments of learned counsel for the

applicant and learned APP for the State and after perusing the record, this Court is of the considered view that the present FIR has been initially registered against the applicant under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC on the allegations that applicant has committed cheating and criminal breach of trust with the complainant on the pretext of sending him abroad and applicant received huge amount from the complainant, but applicant neither send him abroad nor returned the amount and, therefore, present FIR was registered against the applicant on the basis of statement of complainant Sanjiv Kumar and perusal of the record shows that applicant has already been granted bail under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act has been added later on during the investigation and applicant has not granted any bail under the said Section and perusal of the record reveal that investigation has completed and challan has been presented in the Court and, therefore, since challan has been presented, therefore, custodial interrogation of applicant is accordingly not required and, moreover, applicant has already granted regular bail under the main Sections, therefore, no useful purpose shall be served by declining the bail to the applicant under Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act. Therefore, this Court deem it fit to grant the concession of bail to the applicant. Accordingly, I agree with the arguments and contentions of learned counsel for applicant and I find force in the same. Therefore, the anticipatory bail application moved by applicant Vikas Mehta stands allowed and applicant Vikas Mehta is directed to join the

investigation within 15 days from today and on his doing so, in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer/IO/SHO concerned subject to the conditions:-

- i. That accused-applicant shall join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Agency,
- ii That accused-applicant shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.
- iii. That accused-applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.
- iv. That applicant shall regularly appear before the learned Trial Court.

Nothing stated therein shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

5. Police record be returned under rules against proper receipt. After due compliance, bail application file be consigned to the Record Room.

Pronounced: 22.01.2026.
Manoj Sharma, Stenographer II

(Kamaldeep Singh)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Patiala/UID No.(PB0270)

