



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

**CRM-M-4886-2026 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: 24.03.2026**

SANT KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Mr. Pragyat Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Jasmine Gill, AAG, Haryana.

MANDEEP PANNU, J (ORAL)

1. The present is the first petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner during the pendency of trial in case FIR No. 994 dated 26.12.2025, registered under Sections 316(2), 318(4) of BNS and Section 24 of the Immigration Act at Police Station Sadar Karnal, District Karnal.

2. Briefly stated, the facts of the present case are that the FIR was registered on the complaint of Sumit Kumar alleging that he, along with his friend Rahul Sharma, came in contact with the accused-petitioner regarding sending his brother Abhishek Sharma to Canada. The accused represented himself to be an agent having knowledge of embassy procedures and demanded an amount of ₹25 lakhs for arranging a visa. It is alleged that an amount of ₹12 lakhs was paid to the accused in advance. Thereafter, the



accused called Abhishek Sharma to Delhi airport on the pretext that his visa and ticket were ready; however, no such arrangements were made and the accused neither sent him abroad nor returned the money. It is further alleged that the accused avoided calls and later threatened the complainant, leading to registration of the present FIR.

3. It is contended on behalf of the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in the present case and is merely a neighbour of the main accused. It is submitted that the petitioner is a halwai by profession and was only trying to mediate and settle the dispute between the parties. It is further contended that the photograph showing the petitioner with currency notes pertains to the amount settled during compromise and the same was not received by the petitioner. It is argued that the petitioner has not taken even a single penny in the alleged transaction and is not involved in the business of immigration in any manner.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition and has placed on record photographs showing the petitioner with a huge amount of currency notes as well as certain documents to show that the petitioner is proprietor of Global Guru Consultancy along with Joginder Pal.

5. Mr. Bhupender Singh, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his *Vakalatnama*, which is taken on record. He has opposed the present petition on the ground that the offence of criminal breach of trust and cheating was committed by the petitioner.

6. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, this Court finds that serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioner to the effect that he cheated the complainant of an amount of ₹12 lakhs on the pretext of sending Abhishek Sharma abroad. The material



on record, including photographs showing the petitioner with currency notes, as well as audio recordings and WhatsApp chats, *prima facie* indicate his involvement in the alleged offence. The nature and gravity of the allegations and the manner in which the offence is alleged to have been committed do not entitle the petitioner to the concession of anticipatory bail.

7. Accordingly, finding no merit in the present petition, the same is hereby dismissed.

8. All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

24.03.2026

Poonam Negi

(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No