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

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Decided on :10.04.2026

Prince

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Arivinder Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 47 dated 26.03.2026, under Sections 316(2), 318(4) BNS 2023 (Sections 406 and 420 IPC) and Section 24 of Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Sector 9, Ambala City, Haryana.

2. On oral request of learned counsel for the petitioner, complainant-Lakhwinder Singh, r/o House No.147 Model Town, Village Jandli, Tehsil and District Ambala, is impleaded as party-respondent No.2.

Let amended memo of parties be filed in the Registry with one week from today.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that, as per the allegations, petitioner charged an amount of Rs. 48 lakhs from the complainant, Lakwinder Singh, on the pretext of sending him to America on a work visa. Learned counsel further submits that it is an admitted fact

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that complainant was taken from India to England and thereafter to Mexico. From Mexico, he was deported back to England, and subsequently from England to India. It is further submitted that another attempt was made, wherein the complainant was sent from India to Guyana, and from Guyana to Mexico. From Mexico, he was allegedly being sent to America by another agent, namely Tarun from Jalandhar. The complainant succeeded in entering America but was deported back to India after being apprehended.

4. Counsel for the petitioner submits that no cheating was committed by the petitioner in relation to sending the complainant to America.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Mr. P.K. Jhanda, learned Senior DAG, Haryana, and Ms. Kiran Bala Jain, Advocate, appear on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.

7. Ms. Kiran Bala Jain, Advocate, submits that the complainant was made to suffer the agony of shuttling from one place to another for a period of about one and a half years. Learned counsel further submits that the complainant was confined in the jungles of Panama and was handed over to “donkers” (human smugglers/traffickers) in the Panama jungle. It is contended that this is a clear case showing that the petitioner allured the complainant with the sole purpose of extracting a huge amount of money from him and thereafter misappropriating the same on the pretext of false promises and assurances.

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8. I have considered the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the documents appended thereto.

9. Undoubtedly, the pain and agony suffered by the complainant cannot be ignored. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, petitioner is required to be interrogated by the investigating agency in custody. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed, and the investigating officer is directed to proceed in accordance with law.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*