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

**CRM-M No.20932 of 2026
Date of decision: 20.04.2026**

Aaditya

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present :- Mr. Raman Chawla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANDEEP PANNU, J. (Oral)

1. This is the first petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding to Section 438 Cr.P.C.) for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.017 dated 16.01.2026, registered under Section 318(4) of the BNS Act, 2023 and Section 61(2) of BNS Act, 2023 added later on (corresponding to Sections 420, 120-B IPC, 1860), at Police Station Cyber Crime East, Gurugram, District Gurugram.

2. As per the allegations in the FIR, the complainant Madan Gopal was induced through online means to invest in shares after completing certain KYC formalities. It is alleged that the complainant was deceived and defrauded of an amount of ₹1,40,22,550/- through such transactions, leading to the registration of the present FIR.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has not been named in the FIR and has no specific role in the alleged



transaction. It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

4. Notice of motion.

5. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Sushil Kumar Bhardwaj, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent–State and opposes the present petition. It is submitted that the present case involves a serious cyber crime wherein the petitioner, in connivance with the main accused, has cheated an innocent person. It is contended that the petitioner played an active role by providing bank account details for transacting the defrauded amount, which constitutes the proceeds of crime. The role of the petitioner is stated to be clearly evident as he was actively involved in carrying out the transactions pertaining to the complainant’s account. It is further submitted that such offences are committed through a well-planned *modus operandi* wherein the actual culprits do not use their own credentials but operate through intermediaries to conceal their identities and to ensure that the transactions cannot be easily traced.

6. Heard.

7. This Court has considered the rival submissions and perused the record. The allegations in the present case pertain to a large-scale cyber fraud wherein the complainant has been duped of a substantial amount. Though the petitioner has not been named in the FIR, his role has surfaced during the course of investigation. The material collected *prima-facie* indicates that the petitioner was actively involved in facilitating the transactions of the defrauded amount, thereby aiding the main accused.

8. Cyber crimes of the present nature are on the rise and pose a



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serious threat to the financial security of individuals. The *modus operandi* adopted by such offenders reflects a calculated design to conceal their identity and evade detection by using different channels and intermediaries. The role attributed to the petitioner, at this stage, cannot be said to be minimal or insignificant.

9. Considering the seriousness of the allegations, the manner in which the offence has been committed and the requirement of custodial interrogation to unearth the entire conspiracy, this Court does not find it to be a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail.

10. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

11. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

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