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

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Decided on: 24.03.2026

Daljit Singh alias Pappu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Amarjeet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG Punjab

Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Advocate and
Mr. Abhishek Rawal, Advocate
for respondent No. 2

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.0020 dated 01.04.2022, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, at PS Mattewal, District Amritsar (Rural).

2. On 08.12.2025, following order was passed:

“(1) *** *** *** ***

(ii) Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that, as per the allegations made by complainant-Malikt Singh, accused namely: (i) Daljit Singh @ Pappus (petitioner herein), (ii) Harpreet Singh @ Happy, and (iii) Palwinder Singh, allegedly duped the complainant of an amount of Rs. 7,50,000/- on the pretext of sending his son abroad. It is submitted that neither the complainant's



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son was sent abroad, nor was the amount refunded.

(iii) As per the allegations, Rs. 4,50,000/- was deposited into the petitioner's account by the complainant himself, while another amount of Rs. 50,000/- was deposited from a different account. An amount of Rs. 2,50,000/- is alleged to have been paid in cash to the accused persons.

(iv) Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner, who is 60 years old, has been falsely implicated in the case. However, he is willing to resolve the dispute amicably if the matter is referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

(iv) On oral request of learned counsel for the petitioner, complainant-Malkit Singh, s/o Kunnan Singh, R/o VPO Bagga Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib District Amritsar, Mobile No. 9915645471, is impleaded as party-respondent NO.2.

Let amended memo of parties be filed in the Registry within two days from today without filing any separate application.

(v) Notice of motion for 14.01.2026.

(vi) Process dasti as well.

(vii) The Investigating Officer shall also inform the complainant about the date fixed before this Court.

(viii) On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.

(ix) Till the next date of hearing, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed. However, the issue of the petitioner's joining the investigation will be examined after considering the reply of the respondents. ”

3. On the next date of hearing on 24.02.2026, Court was informed that the parties are willing to resolve the dispute amicably by paying back the amount, therefore, dispute was referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

4. As per report dated 10.03.2026, parties could not arrive at an amicable settlement, therefore, for further proceedings the petition has been referred back to this Court.

5. From the allegations, it is found confirmed that an amount of Rs. 5 lacs (Rs. 4,50,000/- + Rs. 50,000/-) was found credited in the bank account of the petitioner. Though, it is addressed that Rs. 2,50,000/- has been paid back to the

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complainant in cash, but same can not be believed without same being accepted by the complainant-Malkit Singh, who is also represented through his Advocate.

6. In view of the above, this Court is of the view that petitioner is not entitled for extra ordinary relief based upon principle of equity, therefore, petition is dismissed.

However, liberty is granted that, in case, petitioner pays back the complete amount to the satisfaction of the complainant, it will be open for the petitioner to file a fresh petition for seeking similar relief.

24.03.2026

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES/NO
~~YES~~/NO