

CRM-M-3322-2026

PRITPAL SINGH V/S STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: Mr. Yadwinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Hans, DAG, Punjab.

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 438 Cr.P.C.) for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.202 dated 12.12.2025, registered under Sections 316(2), 318(2) of BNS (Section 318(4) of BNS added later on), at Police Station Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar,

The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with co-accused induced the complainant and committed fraud to the tune of Rs.41 lakhs on the pretext of getting VISA(s) for his children in the USA. It is alleged that an amount of Rs.41 lakhs has been transferred in the account of one-Manpreet Singh Khurana. Apart from that, an amount of Rs.5,000/- in cash was handed over to co-accused Jaskaran Singh, who is son of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the petitioner, who is working as a Junior Engineer, has been falsely implicated in this case. Neither any money was recovered by him nor had he cheated the complainant in any manner. He also submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation.

List on 18.05.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation as and when required and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail on his

furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency, subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.]:-

- i)** that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;
- ii)** that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- iii)** that the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court;
- iv)** such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 24, 2026
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