

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. of 2025
[ARISING OUT OF SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.)
NO.16440/2025]

JASKANWAR SINGH @JASKARAN SINGH

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal impugns an order dated 22nd September, 2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh rejecting the anticipatory bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR No.124/2025 at PS Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar.
4. After considering the submissions of learned counsel for the appellant, on 27th October, 2025, the following interim protection order was passed:

"1. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner is a practicing advocate; the thrust of the allegations is against the travel agent Manpreet (co-accused) of duping the victims under the pretext of getting them jobs abroad; though, it is alleged that the petitioner had in a WhatsApp chat provided number of the account where the money was deposited, but it is not

clear that any money was directly paid to the petitioner; insofar as transfer of money by travel agent to the petitioner is concerned, that is in respect of his professional engagement.

2. Issue notice, returnable in six weeks.

3. In the meantime, it is provided that if the Petitioner is arrested in connection with Crime No. 124/2025 at P.S. Anandpur Sahib, District - Rupnagar he shall be released on a personal bond of Rs 25,000/- subject to an undertaking that he shall co-operate in the investigation and shall not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence."

5. Pursuant to service of notice, the State is represented. The learned counsel for the respondent-State does not dispute that appellant has joined investigation. However, his case is that the appellant has not helped in recovery of the cash.

6. We have considered the submissions. As the case of the appellant is that he has not taken the cash but it was the co-accused who has taken the cash, in such circumstances, merely because he has not helped in recovery of the cash, it cannot be said that he has not cooperated in the investigation.

7. Having regard to the above, we deem it appropriate to dispose of this appeal by making the interim order absolute subject to the following two conditions.

(A) The appellant shall co-operate in the investigation and

make himself available for interrogation as and when required by the investigating agency.

(B) Within three weeks from today, he shall submit bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court concerned along with an undertaking that he shall not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence.

8. With the aforesaid observations/directions, the appeal stands disposed of.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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[UJJAL BHUYAN]

New Delhi
December 12, 2025

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.) NO.16440/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-09-2025 in CRM-M No. 53500/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

JASKANWAR SINGH @JASKARAN SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

IA No. 262436/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 262430/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 267717/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 12-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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For Respondent(s) :Ms. Baani Khanna, AOR
Mr. Robin Singh, Adv.
Mr. Kapil Balwani, Adv.
Ms. Komal Thakkar, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.

3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)