

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

CRM-M No.15432 of 2015

Date of Decision:-12.08.2015

Manu Kohli.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH.

Present:- Mr. Ankur Mittal, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab along with
ASI Rajinder Singh.

Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate for the complainant.

JASWANT SINGH, J(ORAL)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail under section 439 Cr.PC to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.102 dated 01.10.2014 under sections 406 & 420 of Indian Penal Code registered with Police Station Haryana, District Hoshiarpur.

The allegations against the petitioner are that he along with his sister and a friend had received a sum of Rs.27.50 lacs out of the total agreed Rs.50 lac for sending the complainant Avtar Singh to Canada. Neither the complainant was sent to Canada nor the amount had been returned.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

It is not in dispute that the petitioner is in custody since 15.01.2015 and the charges have been framed on 24.04.2015 in the criminal trial.

Learned State Counsel on instructions from ASI Rajinder Singh Singh concedes the aforesaid situation.

Without expressing anything on the merits of the case, in the light of the period of custody and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody. As such the present petition is allowed and petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Hoshiarpur.

**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

August 12, 2015
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