

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

CRM-M-40143-2015

Date of decision: 10.12.2015

Mohinder Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr. J.P.S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Daljit Singh Virk, AAG, Punjab.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks bail pending trial in FIR No.9 dated 16.08.2015 under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station NRI Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner places reliance on an order dated 06.11.2015 passed by this Court in CRM-M-37411-2015, whereby Gurmeet Kaur, co-accused of the petitioner was granted the concession of bail pending trial. Remaining two co-accused of the petitioner Chhinder Kaur and Rupinder Kaur have been granted the interim anticipatory bail by this Court. He further submits that petitioner is inside the jail for the last more than three months. He also submits that since trial is yet to start, conclusion thereof will take very pretty long time. He prays for allowing the present petition.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Fauji Ram, Police Station NRI Bathinda, submits that keeping in

view the nature of allegations, petitioner is the main accused who was beneficiary of the transaction. He prays for dismissal of the present petition.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through the record of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that keeping in view the order dated 06.11.2015 passed by this Court in CRM-M-37411-2015 granting bail to Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, co-accused of the petitioner, he is also entitled for bail pending trial. Petitioner is inside the jail for the last more than three months. Since even the charge has not been framed so far, conclusion of trial will take some time.

In view of the above and without commenting anything further on merits at this stage, lest it should prejudice the case of either side at a later point of time, instant petition is allowed. Petitioner is directed to be released on bail pending trial on his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

Disposed of, accordingly.

[RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK]
JUDGE

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