

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

CRM-M No.5955 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.03.2015

HarbilasPetitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Ankur Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Parupkar Singh Ghuman, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is facing trial in case bearing FIR No.59 dated 14.05.2011, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, Police Station, Kular, District S.A.S. Nagar.

Petitioner claims himself to be bonafide purchaser having purchased the land from Harpal Singh. As per prosecution version, original owner of the property is Dr. K. Nirmala, who is Non-Resident Indian. Harpal Singh and Manjit Singh are alleged to have purchased land from original owner and thereafter sold the same to the petitioner. Harpal Singh was vendor of the petitioner whereas Manjit Singh was vendor to Krishan Kumar Malhotra. Krishan Kumar Malhotra was also arrayed as accused in the

present case. In CRM-M No.7486 of 2014, Krishan Kumar Malhotra has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 24.04.2014.

Without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, it is sufficient to observe that the petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2014 and recovery has already been effected and challan stands presented. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody as the trial would take time to conclude.

Petitioner is allowed regular bail on his furnishing bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court. However, petitioner will not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

Disposed of.

10.03.2015

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**[RAJ MOHAN SINGH]
JUDGE**