

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

**CRM No.M-1007 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of decision:21.01.2016**

Harbinder Kaur

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. R.S. Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate for the complainant.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking benefit of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.220 dated 12.07.2015, under Sections 420/120-B IPC and Section 24 of Emigration Act, registered at Police Station Dakha, District Ludhiana Rural.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR has been registered on the complaint of Jashandeep Singh. Allegations are against the present petitioner, her husband Avtar Singh, son Manjinder Singh and Kulwant Singh in having cheated the complainant by taking Rs.25 lacs on the inducement of sending him abroad i.e. New Zealand.

It has been alleged that such huge amount was given over a period of time and part of the money was even borrowed by the complainant from his cousin. Ultimately when the complainant was not sent abroad and he insisted on the amount being returned, two cheques drawn on Indian Overseas Bank bearing Nos. 172501 and 172502 for amounts of Rs. 18 lacs and Rs.7 lacs are also stated to have been issued.

Learned State Counsel upon instructions from ASI Janak Raj would apprise the Court that during the course of investigation, the cheques were duly produced by the complainant. Counsel further submits that cheques upon presentation were even dishonoured. That apart, Court has been apprised that during the course of investigation itself, the statements of Deepak Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Gurjeet Singh and Kulwinder Kaur have been recorded and who have also allegedly been duped by the petitioner by adopting a similar *modus operandi*.

In the light of such serious allegations wherein innocent people are shown a foreign dream and have been cheated of their hard earned money, this Court is not inclined to grant the benefit of regular bail at this stage.

Petition is dismissed.

21.01.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**