

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

**CRL. MISC. NO. M-20905 OF 2016 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 23rd JUNE, 2016**

Pardeep Kumar

.... Petitioner

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh.

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present : Mr. Gurinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sharma, APP for U.T. Chandigarh.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

CRM-19289-2016

The application is allowed as prayed for.

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This is petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.7 dated 08.01.2016 registered under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1983 at Police Station Sector 36, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel states that the allegation in the FIR are primarily against Gagan Chadha that he has duped the complainants of heavy amount of money on the pretext of sending them to Canada and Russia. The petitioner though shown to be the proprietor of the firm, is, in fact, an employee of said Gagan Chadha. All the transactions were in fact being conducted by Gagan Chadha and the petitioner was not aware of his

fraudulent intent and actions. Learned counsel refers to the order dated 20.05.2016 passed in CRM-M-6609 of 2016 wherein the said Gagan Chadha who was allegedly running the immigration firm, has been ordered to be released on bail.

The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 01.02.2016.

In view of the totality of the circumstances, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Chandigarh.

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE