

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

Date of decision:03/05/2016.

Niraj Kumar

.....Petitioner

VS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr.DN Ganeriwala,Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Kirat Singh Sidhu,DAG Punjab
with ASI Roshan Lal

Mr.PKS Phoolka,Advocate for complainant.

Jaswant Singh,J(Oral)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail to accused petitioner
Niraj Kumar, in case FIR No.184 dated 10.12.2015 under Section
420/34 IPC, PS Civil Lines, Bathinda, Distt.Bathinda.

Allegation of almost 10 complainants is that petitioner
accused and his co accused wife cheated them for various amounts
totalling almost 48 lakhs on the pretext of securing government
jobs/agencies/contracts etc.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is
in custody since 10.12.2015 and investigation qua him is over. Further

submits that the case is triable by a Magistrate and evidence of 14 cited witnesses is yet to commence.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not refute the custody period and the fact that charges have been framed and evidence of prosecution is yet to commence.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that neither trial is likely to be concluded in near future nor any useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

03.05.2016
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(Jaswant Singh)
Judge