

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

CRM-M-30898 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision : 14.09.2016

Kuldeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Harsh Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short, 'the Cr.P.C.') seeking regular bail in FIR No.29 dated 10.02.2015, registered under Sections 420, 465, 471, 467, 468 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'the IPC'), at P.S. City Ropar, Ropar.

It is contended that the petitioner is an attesting witness on the receipt of payment/endorsement made on the agreement to sell executed between one Bhupinder Singh and Raghbir Singh. Similarly placed co-accused, namely, Satish Kumar and Suresh Bhatia, attesting witnesses of the alleged agreement, have been admitted to bail by this Court.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the present bail application.

Heard.

Considering the fact that similarly placed co-accused, Satish Kumar and Suresh Bhatia, have already been admitted to bail by this Court, no purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind the bars, without adverting to the merits of the instant case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of the trial, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Anything said herein above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

14.09.2016*ashok***(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes / No

Whether reportable: Yes / No