

**Sr. No. 214
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM No. M-37710 of 2015
Date of decision: 21.01.2016**

Haridev Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Chouhan Satvinder Singh Sisodia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. D.S.Virk, A.A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.105 dated 13.10.2015, under Section 420 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Sadar Nabha, District Patiala.

FIR was registered on the statement of Major Singh son of Atma Singh. Allegations are that the present petitioner who is a 'Mistri' by profession had contacted him and had sought financial help as regards allotment of a cement agency. It has been alleged that Rs.2,00,000/- in cash had been given by the complainant. The petitioner/accused had furnished a cheque for the same amount towards security. Thereafter, upon inquiry it was found that there is no account in the bank concerned in relation to which the cheque had been issued and as such the complainant has been defrauded.

Counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that it is a case of false implication.

Charanjit Kaur had got registered FIR No.77 dated

13.06.2014, under Sections 354, 354-A, 354-D, 493, 420 and 506 IPC at Police Station Women Cell, Patiala against the complainant. Major Singh and wife of the present petitioner being member Panchayat had assisted Charanjit Kaur. Contention raised is that only on account of having nursed such a grudge that the present FIR has been lodged as a counter-blast.

On the last date of hearing i.e. 10.11.2015, this Court had directed the petitioner to join investigation and ad interim protection as regards arrest had been granted.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Lakhvir Singh would apprise the Court that the petitioner has since joined investigation on 18.11.2015.

In view of the observations made here-in-above and coupled with the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, he is held entitled to concession of pre-arrest bail.

Petition is allowed. Order dated 10.11.2015, passed by this Court, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

January 21, 2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**