

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

CRM-M No.44307 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision:-04.02.2016

Sukhwant Rai Chhabra.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Ms. Satinder Kaur, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
assisted by ASI Krishan Kumar.

JASWANT SINGH, J (ORAL)

Prayer is under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner Sukhwant Rai Chhabra in case FIR No.94 dated 24.08.2015 for offences punishable under Sections 494, 420, 120-B of Indian Penal Code (Section 495 IPC added later on) registered with Police Station Kot Isse Khan, District Moga.

As per the allegations petitioner-accused along with his co-accused wife Balwinder Kaur and Priya Chhabra are involved in the racket of receiving huge amounts of money for conducting the marriage of accused Priya Chhabra, a resident of New Zealand, with prospective bridegrooms on the allurement of taking them to New Zealand. The grand son of the

complainant is also one of such victims, with whom Priya is alleged to have solemnized second marriage without disclosing the existence of the previous marriage.

By way of CRM No.3789 of 2016, Panchayati Divorce P-9 is sought to be placed on record to address the argument that previous marriage was got dissolved.

Be that as it may, petitioner is in custody since 24.08.2015 and after submission of challan the case is now at the stage of recording of the prosecution evidence.

Learned State Counsel assisted by ASI Krishan Kumar does not dispute the factual position qua the period of incarceration as also the stage of trial.

Without going into the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, present petition is allowed and the petitioner Sukhwant Rai Chhabra is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, Moga.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

February 04, 2016
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