

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

**CRM-M No. 621 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.01.2016**

Akash

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Manoj Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Dhir, DAG, Haryana
for the respondent/State assisted by HC Kuldeep Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No. 382, dated 02.09.2015, for the offences punishable under Sections 457, 380 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Urban Estate Rohtak, District Rohtak **(Annexure P-1)**.

Complainant-Suresh Kumar is stated to have entrusted a sum of Rs. 28 lacs, received as earnest money for agreeing to sell his plot, to the wife (Hemlata) of his younger brother. The said co-accused/non-applicant-Hemlata is stated to have fled with co-accused/non-applicant-Krishan. The name of the petitioner-Akash has surfaced on account of being a friend and accompanying co-accused/non-applicants-Krishan and Hemlata when they fled with money.

It is contended that no offence against the petitioner is made out. Still further, the petitioner is in custody since 16.10.2015 and investigations qua him are over.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by HC Kuldeep Singh, states that the case is now listed at the stage of the commencement of the prosecution evidence.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the facts noticed above and that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner/accused in custody, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

January 20, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE