IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13034-2018
Date of decision:-4.5.2018

Kulwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S.MADAAN

Present: Mr.Hitesh Pandit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr.D.A.G., Punjab.

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H.S. MADAAN, J.

This petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner – Kulwinder Singh – an accused in FIR No.121 dated 4.8.2013, under Sections 420, 406, 171 IPC, registered at Police Station Ladhowal, Ludhiana.

Briefly stated, the facts of the case as per prosecution story are that petitioner/accused Kulwinder Singh had induced complainant Prince Magoo to manage his recruitment in the police and received a sum of Rs.15,000/- on one occasion and Rs.20,000/- on another occasion and provided him belt number asking him to report at Police Line, Ludhiana as and when called. Subsequently, it came out that the entire thing was sham and the accused cheated other persons, namely, Raj Kumar and Harinder Singh giving similar inducement and obtained a huge amount of money from them. Accused was arrested in this case and then released on

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bail. However, during the trial accused absented from the Court and was declared a proclaimed offender on 27.2.2017. Subsequently, he was arrested in this case. The reason given for his non-appearance was that he was already in custody in some other case. The petitioner had filed an application for regular bail in the Court of Sessions, which was declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana vide order dated 17.2.2018, as such, he has approached this Court with same request.

Notice of the petition was given to respondent – State and counsel representing the State has put in appearance.

The petitioner/accused had jumped the bail during the trial and was declared a proclaimed offender. No justifiable reason could be explained for absence of the accused from the Court during trial in such a manner. As rightly observed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana that under the circumstances, there is possibility of accused absconding again, if granted concession of bail. It is submitted by learned State counsel that the trial against the accused is going on and in all probabilities would be concluded in near future.

Therefore, no ground is made out for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Finding no merit in the petition, the same stands dismissed.

4.5.2018 **(H.S.MADAAN)**
Brij **JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

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