

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-18849-2018
Date of Decision: 13.07.2018**

Pawan Kumar Verma and others

.. Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

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Inderjit Singh, J.

Petitioners-Pawan Kumar Verma, Vijay Kumar Verma, Rakesh Kumar Verma and Dalip Verma have filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.07 dated 09.01.2017, registered at Police Station Madhuban, District Karnal, Haryana, under Section 406, 420, 120-B of Indian Penal Code.

Notice of motion was issued. Learned State counsel appeared and contested the instant petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

As per the FIR version, gas agency was obtained by the complainant after depositing Rs.10 lacs on 06.02.2013 in the account of Chetak Gas Service Ghoronda, which contained 8 lakh rupees security fee and Rs.2 lacs license fee. As per the allegation, the aforesaid company also issued a certificate of dealership to the complainant Rahul Rana. After this, warehouse of gas agency was built by him, but a fraud has been played

and no dealership of gas agency etc. was allotted to the complainant.

The present petitioners-Pawan Kumar Verma, Vijay Kumar Verma and Rakesh Kumar are in custody for more than one year and one month whereas Dalip Verma is in custody for more than one year and nine months. They are not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as they are in judicial custody. The trial of the case will take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioners in custody till the final disposal of the case. Otherwise also, the offences are triable by the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail subject to their furnishing personal bonds in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like amount each to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, it is made clear that any observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

13.07.2018
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No