

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

**CRM-M No. 33088 of 2018
Date of Decision: 9.8.2018**

Ranjit Singh @ Raju and another

.....Petitioners

v.

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present:- Mr. Bipan Ghai, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Vishavjit S. Virk, Advocate, for the petitioners
Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab
Mr. G.S. Bawa, Advocate, for respondent No. 2

RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. for seeking bail pending trial in the FIR No. 132 dated 17.6.2018, under Sections 420/120B IPC, registered at Police Station Chheharta, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that although there was no criminal intention in the matter and it was only a business venture, with which the persons, advancing money to the petitioner, were well aware. However, the petitioners are making every efforts to return the money at the earliest. It is further contended that to show the bona fides of their effort to repay the money, the petitioners have returned the money to 470 persons so far, after registration of the case and, these 470 persons, including the person who have not even approached the police so far, have filed affidavit to this effect. It is contended that the petitioners are in custody since 21.6.2018; they are not required for any investigation purposes and trial of the case is likely to take long time since the challan is yet to be presented.

On the other hand, learned State counsel produced the custody certificate of the petitioners, which shows that the petitioners are in custody for one month and 18 days. Custody certificate does not mention any other case against the petitioners.

In view of the above submissions, but without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. It is ordered that the petitioners shall be released on bail pending trial, on their furnishing bond/sureties to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

9.8.2018

Ashwani

Speaking/Reasoned
Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No