

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Criminal Misc. No.M-33579 of 2018

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Date of decision:12.9.2018

Paramjit Singh

...Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Inderjit Singh

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Present: Mr. Suram Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab for the
respondent-State.

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Inderjit Singh, J.

The petitioner has filed this third petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.006 dated 19.10.2016 (Annexure-P.1) registered for the offences under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC and Sections 4 and 5 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978 at Police Station State Crime, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Notice of motion has been issued in this case.

Ms. Monika Jalota, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the co-accused in the similar circumstances have already been released on bail by

the Co-ordinate Bench vide order dated 20.7.2018 and asked for the release of the present petitioner on parity.

A perusal of the record shows that the challan has already been presented. Charges have been framed and 16 witnesses have already been examined in the present case. As per the order passed by the learned Court of Session, the present petitioner has received an amount of about ₹39 Lakhs from three persons fraudulently.

The present petitioner has been in custody since April 2017. He is not required for interrogation or investigation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of the case is likely to take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Therefore, 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; in view of the custody period and on the ground of parity, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bond in the sum of ₹1 Lakh with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. He is further directed to deposit his passport with the trial Court.

September 12, 2018.
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(Inderjit Singh)
Judge

NOTE:	Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
	Whether reportable:	No