

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-34757-2018

Date of decision: 25.09.2018

Pritpal Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

PRESENT: Mr. BS Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner-Pritpal Singh, has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 2 dated 27.02.2015 registered under Sections 420, 406, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC at Police Station NRI, SAS Nagar Mohali.

Custody certificate filed by learned State counsel is taken on record. Office to tag the same at the appropriate place.

According to the prosecution, the petitioner along with his co-accused-Devinder Kumar, cheated complainant-Jagdeep Bhargava for Rs.14,86,000/- under false pretext of getting a booth allotted from Punjab Urban Development Authority, to the sister of complainant, namely; Nishi Bhargava.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that

co-accused of the petitioner has been acquitted by the trial Court vide judgment dated 29.08.2017 (Annexure P-3). The petitioner is in custody since 15.05.2018. Conclusion of trial may take a long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the above submission of learned counsel for the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner-Pritpal Singh, is ordered to be released on bail pending trial, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

September 25, 2018
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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No