

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.205

CRM-M-358-2018

Date of decision : 22.03.2018

Vikas Kumar @ Mintu

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Manish Rampal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. P.K. Ganga, Advocate, for the complainant.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.624 dated 23.08.2016, registered at Police Station Sirsa City, District Sirsa, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC.

As per the allegations made in the FIR, the complainant was duped into making payments amounting to almost Rs.30 lacs for the purposes of revival of his lapsed insurance policies.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. The story put-forth therein is unbelievable because an educated person like the complainant would not pay a sum of Rs.30 lacs to get policies worth Rs.1.8 lacs revived. Moreover, the petitioner has been in custody since 14.04.2017, the investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented in Court. Two co-accused have been granted regular bail by the learned trial Court and therefore, the petitioner also deserves to be released on regular bail.

Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the plea for regular bail. It is his contention that the petitioner is part of a gang of people, who indulge in tracing

the details of persons whose insurance policies have lapsed and then coerce them into making payments into different accounts from where the money is siphoned off. The role of the petitioner came to light after main accused, namely, Harvinder Singh was arrested. Call records of the accused are available with the police, which show that the main accused, Harvinder Singh used to call the complainant for demanding money. A sum of Rs.45,000/- has been recovered from the account of the petitioner and there are two other cases with similar allegations pending against him. Very serious offence has been committed by the petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

I have considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties and am of the opinion that the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail. White collar crimes are on the increase in society and need to be curbed. Information technology is being misused by unscrupulous people and this trend has to be arrested.

At this stage, leaned counsel for the petitioner submits that he does not press this petition at this stage. He submitted that learned trial Court be directed to expedite the trial. The request is reasonable and is acceded to. Since the challan was presented on 09.06.2017, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial of this case as expeditiously as possible and in any case not later than six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

22.03.2018

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes/ No