

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M-37804-2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: February 15, 2018

Harjinder Kumar @ Ladi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. K.S. Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J.

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Section 420 IPC at Police Station City, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, vide FIR No.126 dated 16.12.2015.

FIR was registered on the complaint made by Vipin Kumar son of Ram Murti. Allegations against the petitioner are that he allured certain persons to invest money in the properties and after getting loan sanctioned from the bank in their name, grabbed the same. He duped a total sum of Rs.61.00 lacs of certain persons.

Keeping in view seriousness of allegations, no case for pre-arrest bail is made out. Needless to observe that FIR in question was registered in the year 2015. Proceedings are still pending. Present petition was filed on

6.10.2017. Interim bail was granted to him on November 17, 2017. The investigating agency has yet to collect required information from the bank. In my considered view, custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be necessary to take the investigation to its logical end. It may not be possible to unravel the entire *modus operandi* of the crime, in case petitioner is armed with a protective order. Petition is without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

February 15, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No