

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

CRM-M-40218 of 2017

Date of decision: January 10, 2018

Rajinder Kumar @ Jyoti

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J.(oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC and 13 Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 2014 at Police Station Division No.7, District Jalandhar, vide FIR No.246 dated 19.10.2016.

Allegation against the petitioner is that he received Rs.18.00 lacs from the complainant on the pretext of sending his two relatives abroad. It is contended before the court that amount is alleged to have been paid in cash. There is no receipt on record in respect of same. Besides, petitioner is in custody since 15.6.2017 and trial has not made much headway till now. Thus, no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature.

Heard. Keeping in view the aforesaid contentions, period of

incarceration of the petitioner, I am of the considered view that no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. The trial may take long time to conclude. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

January 10, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable:	Yes / No