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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M No.4666 of 2018
Date of Decision: 16.02.2018

Ravinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Ranjan Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.290 dated 09.12.2017 under Sections 420, 506, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana.

2. Narration of facts given in the FIR are that the complainant had given an amount of Rs.1 lac to some persons in the presence of Vikram Singh. Remaining amount was to be paid in the night at Bharat Nagar Chowk. Later on the complainant came to know that the person to whom Rs.1 lac

was paid was infact Ravinder Singh-petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that infact the person to whom the alleged payment was made remained present with the complainant inside the gym and thereafter, no effort was made by the complainant to ascertain the name of that person.

4. In the nature of allegations where some bribe was sought to be extracted under the garb of exonerating the complainant by the higher officers, learned counsel contends that identity of the petitioner would be debatable.

5. Challan has already been presented and charges have not been framed so far.

6. This statement of fact has not been disputed by learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Baldev Singh. Money has already been recovered.

7. The offence is triable by Magistrate.

8. Petitioner was arrested on 09.12.2017 and now, he is in judicial custody.

9. In view of above, the petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

10. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

16.02.2018
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No