

Sr. No.224

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

CRM No. M-46699 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.01.2018

Pardeep Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. H.S.Rakhra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Ashish Gupta, Advocate,
for the complainant.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.103 dated 23.08.2017, under Section 420 of IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that even though the FIR had initially been registered citing offence under Section 420 IPC but after completion of investigation and at the stage of presentation of challan offence under Section 120-B IPC has been added.

On oral prayer made by counsel, offence under Section 120-B IPC is directed to be added in the head note as also in the prayer clause in the instant petition. Prayer for the petitioner to be released on regular bail would be considered against offence

under Sections 420 as also 120-B IPC.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR came to be registered on the complaint of Umarjit Singh son of Baljit Singh. Allegations in a nutshell are with regard to the complainant having been duped of a total sum of Rs.20 lacs on the pretext of being sent abroad to Canada and to be provided a job out there.

Even as per complainant's version, the entrustment of money is to co-accused Jagdish Singh i.e. husband of the petitioner and Gurpreet Singh son of Devender Singh i.e. nephew of Jagdish Singh.

Apparently efforts were made to arrive at a settlement inasmuch as a security cheque (blank) was even offered by Jagdish Singh to the complainant but such efforts finally did not fructify.

Present petitioner was arrested on 13.09.2017.

Contention raised by counsel is that the petitioner has been roped in on account of being wife of one of the main accused i.e. Jagdish Singh. There is no specific entrustment of money to the petitioner. Even though she was stated to be present when the first installment of Rs.04 lacs was handed over to other co-accused Jagdish Singh and Gurpreet Singh.

Investigation in the case is complete and the challan stands presented.

Trial as such is at the initial stage and would take time to conclude.

In the light of peculiar facts as also role of the petitioner who is a lady and without making any observations on merits, prayer made in the petition is accepted.

Petition is allowed.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to satisfaction of
the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

Disposed of.

19.01.2018

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No