

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

**CRM-M No.7820 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision : 24.05.2019**

Surinder Pal Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. P.S.Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms.Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. C.S.Pasricha, Advocate
for the complainant.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.161 dated 21.09.2018 registered under Sections 409/420/465/467/468/471/120-B IPC and Sections 201/477-A IPC and Section 13(1) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 added later on at Police Station City Nawanshahar, District SBS Nagar.

Pursuant to the last order learned State counsel states that another FIR bearing No.76 dated 23.05.2019 at Police Station City Nawanshahar has been registered against the petitioner in respect of the other instances where the petitioner had defrauded the customers and prays

that in these circumstances there is no reason to grant bail to the petitioner.

In my opinion, the petitioner may or may not be liable for arrest in that FIR (and in any case the grant of bail in one FIR does not preclude the arrest of a person in another FIR) but the prayer for bail in the present case on the basis of custody can not be denied. It is not disputed that the petitioner has been in custody for the past about 7 months.

In the circumstances, I do not deem it appropriate to deny concession of bail to him. Let him be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/CJM/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

It is however made clear that in case he does not submit the bail bonds he would not be able to count the period beyond today as custody in the present case.

Ordered accordingly.

Petition stands allowed.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

24.05.2019

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No