

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-17441-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 3.5.2019

Sona Singh @ Pargat Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner-Sona Singh @ Pargat Singh seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.20, dated 18.2.2019, registered at Police Station Cantt. Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC.
2. The FIR came to be lodged on the basis of a secret information to the effect that Jaga Singh was residing in a rented accommodation along with Hardev Singh @ Giani, Rajwinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Sona Singh @ Pargat Singh-petitioner and Nanak Singh and that they along with their other associates had formed a gang and allured innocent

persons into parting with money while holding out promise that they would return the back by doubling the same.

3. Pursuant to receipt of the aforesaid information, a raid was conducted and Jaga Singh, Rajwinder Singh @ Raja and Gurpreet Singh were arrested who were found in possession of an amount of ₹ 2 lacs and were also found in possession of two pieces of glass and some powder and a motorcycle.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that apart from the alleged secret information, there is nothing on record to connect him with the allegations leveled in the FIR.
5. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner is specifically named in the FIR and that during the course of investigation statement of one Baldev Raj has been recorded who has named all the five persons and had stated that he was deceived into parting with an amount of ₹ 7 lacs. A prayer has thus been made for dismissing the petition.
6. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court. I find that apart from the fact that the petitioner is named in the FIR and who was named on the basis of a secret information and also a subsequent statement of one Baldev Raj, there is nothing at this stage to connect him with the allegations of that he was part of the gang which was deceiving innocent persons and depriving them of huge amount. Upon query made by this Court, learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Lachman Singh, has informed that petitioner is

not involved in any other case. Having regard to the facts and circumstances and the nature of allegations and also that the petitioner was not arrested at the spot, the petition is accepted. In the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

7. It is, however, clarified that none of the observations made above shall be construed to be an expression on merits of the main case.

May 3, 2019
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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