

**CRM-M-44371-2018**

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

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**Date of Decision: 11.01.2019**

Pardeep Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate for  
the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

**INDERJIT SINGH, J.**

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.74 dated 12.05.2016 registered under Sections 420/34 IPC and Sections 4 and 5 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act 1978 at Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda.

Notice of motion has been issued. Learned State counsel has appeared and contested the instant petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

From the record, I find that as per the prosecution version, the accused persons have formed a chit fund company and duped about 102 persons, as stated by learned State counsel.

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The main accused namely Heera Lal Kumar has already been released on bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court and, therefore, on the ground of parity, the petitioner is entitled to the benefit of bail. Moreover, the petitioner has been in custody since 06.01.2018. He is not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of case may take a long time. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and on the ground of parity also, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

**11.01.2019**

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)  
JUDGE**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes |
| Whether reportable        | : | No  |