

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

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Date of Decision: 07.03.2019.

(1) CRM-M No.49317 of 2018

Jitesh Gajaria

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents.

(2) CRM-M No.49319 of 2018

Jitesh Gajaria

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents.

(3) CRM-M No.49321 of 2018

Jitesh Gajaria

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents.

(4) CRM-M No.49327 of 2018

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(5) CRM-M No.49345 of 2018

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(6) CRM-M No.49350 of 2018

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(7) CRM-M No.49360 of 2018

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(8) CRM-M No.49364 of 2018

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(9) CRM-M No.49370 of 2018

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(10) CRM-M No.49390 of 2018

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(11) CRM-M No.49396 of 2018

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(12) CRM-M No.49415 of 2018

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(13) CRM-M No.49509 of 2018

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singhi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Alok Jagga, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Prayer in all the aforementioned 13 petitions under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in Complaint Cases bearing Nos.2931/2 dated 12.06.2010, 2930/2 dated 12.06.2010, 2593/2 dated 11.06.2010, 2932/2 dated 12.06.2010, 2589/2 dated 11.06.2010, 2586/2 dated 11.06.2010, 5794/2 dated 30.07.2010, 5795/2 dated 31.07.2010, 2590/2 dated 11.06.2010, 2587/2 dated 11.06.2010, 2592/2 dated 11.06.2010, 2588/2 dated 11.06.2010 and 2591/2 dated 11.06.2010, filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act (for short, 'the Act').

Learned counsel representing the petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 17.08.2018 in complaint cases under Section 138 of the Act and the trial is still at the initial stage, so he be released on regular bail.

Learned counsel representing respondent No.1-State as well as learned counsel representing respondent No.2, while opposing the prayer for bail, contended that the petitioner is involved in total 14 cases under the Act, involving a total sum of about Rs.43,00,000/- and remained away from the Court after 03.02.2011 and had been misusing the process of law and ultimately, he was declared as proclaimed offender vide order dated 14.05.2011.

Having considered all these facts, no case is made out for release of the petitioner on bail.

At this stage, learned counsel representing the petitioner contended that as the petitioner is in custody since 17.08.2018, learned trial Judge be directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same within stipulated period.

Accordingly, all the aforementioned petitions are disposed of with direction that learned trial Judge shall expedite the trial of the cases and conclude the same within a period of four months from today. For that purpose, the complainant-respondent No.2 shall conclude its evidence within two adjournments for the date to be fixed by learned trial Judge.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

07.03.2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No