

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-29738 of 2019

Date of Decision: July 22, 2019

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Tarun Vir Singh Lehal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Jagdish.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Harpreet Singh has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.4 dated 23.01.2019 under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC and Section 24 of the Emigration Act, 1983, registered at Police Station Division No. 1 Pathankot, District Pathankot. Petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 03.03.2019.

As per FIR, complainant and others impressed with an advertisement published in the newspaper for facilitating visit to Kuwait for providing job, they contacted R.K. Enterprises. On the false pretext of providing job in Kuwait, one R.K. had duped the complainant and others by getting Rs.40,000/- each from them and a total sum of Rs.2,80,000/- was collected. However, neither the complainant and others were sent abroad for doing job nor the amount was returned to them. On these broad allegations, the FIR was registered against the petitioner.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner contends that the investigation is complete and the challan stands filed on 21.05.2019. Learned counsel for the

petitioner further contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case as neither the money was taken nor any promise was made by the petitioner. He submits that the co-accused in the FIR in question has already been granted concession of regular bail by the Court vide order dated 04.07.2019 passed in CRM-M-26959-2019.

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Jagdish opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that seven persons were induced by the accused, who had paid him Rs.40,000/- each on the false pretext of sending them to Kuwait for doing job. However, it is not disputed that the investigation of the case is complete and the challan stands filed on 21.05.2019.

Considering the above and the fact that the investigation qua the petitioner is complete and the trial is likely to consume some time, further detention of the petitioner may not be justified. Therefore, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition is allowed.

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[MANOJ BAJAJ]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No