

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

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Crl. Misc. No.M-38330 of 2019

Date of Decision:- 18.11.2019

Rachhpal Singh

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

BEFORE :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present:- Mr.J.S. Bains, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.28 dated 6.3.2018 registered at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, under Sections 420, 457, 468, 120-B IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that main accused Kanwaljit Kaur has already been released on regular bail vide order dated 10.08.2018 passed in Crl. Misc.No.M-33226 of 2018. Moreover, the petitioner has been in custody since 17.10.2018 but the trial has not yet progressed beyond the stage of framing of charge. There are 45 PWs named in this case, and the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude. The petitioner does not have any other criminal case pending against him and thus, he may be released on regular bail.

Learned State counsel is unable to deny the aforementioned factual submission. He, however, states that the allegation against the

petitioner is that he duped about 35 persons of a sum of ₹ 2.9 crores on the pretext of providing them job in the Education Department.

Considering the over all facts and circumstances of this case and the fact that co-accused Kanwaljit Kaur has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 10.08.2018 passed in Crl. Misc.No.M-33226 of 2018, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

The petition is allowed and it is directed that the petitioner be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM, Gurdaspur.

November 18, 2019
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(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No