

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

CRM-M-34029-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 31.10.2019

Amandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Ms. Savita Bhandari, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surinder Pal Singh Tinna, Additional A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Gulzar Mohammad, Advocate for the first informant.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner prays for bail pending trial in criminal case arising out of FIR 84 dated 30.08.2016 registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Sadar Ahmedgarh, District Sangrur.

This is second bail application. First bail application was dismissed as withdrawn.

As per case of the prosecution, first informant has been duped of ₹14,00,000/- on the promise of facilitating his immigration to Canada. In the FIR, main allegations are against one Jagdish Kaur. In the first enquiry, police had absolved the petitioner. However, subsequently, petitioner has been implicated. Petitioner is in custody since 14.12.2018. Police has

completed the investigation. Charges have been framed. However, recording of evidence of the prosecution has not started.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from HC Harbax Singh, has submitted that the petitioner is involved in large number of cases.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the petitioner points out that petitioner has been acquitted in as many as 6 cases whereas only 2 cases are pending, although there is conviction in one case which in appeal has been settled.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the case is triable by Magistrate, petitioner is in custody for more than 10 months and conclusion of trial of the case is likely to take a long time, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

31.10.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No