

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

CRM-M-38232-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 13.09.2019

Ravi Bhatia

...Petitioner

Versus

UT, Chandigarh

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. G.S. Bedi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Advocate for UT, Chandigarh.

Mr. Perdhuman Yadav, Advocate for the first informant.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.196 dated 28.07.2019 registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Sector-34, Chandigarh.

The case is triable by the Magistrate. Petitioner is in custody since 28.07.2019.

Learned counsel for the Union Territory, Chandigarh has submitted that the petitioner is involved in as many as 8 more similar cases.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has not been convicted in any one of them and in fact except one or two remaining cases, he has already been acquitted or the offences have been compounded.

Learned counsel for the first informant submits that there is another FIR registered against the petitioner i.e. FIR No.230 dated 06.09.2019. The aforesaid FIR is during the period when the petitioner is in custody.

Allegations in the present case are to the effect that the petitioner had charged amount of ₹1,40,000/- for arranging visas.

Petitioner is in custody for more than 1 ½ months. Result of other cases registered has already been noted above.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the conclusion of the 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.

13.09.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No