

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

**CRM-M No. 40286 of 2019  
Date of Decision:-27.09.2019**

Samuel alias Lachman (Agent)

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present:- Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

**MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)**

Petitioner-Samuel alias Lachman has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No. 254 dated 20.11.2018, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Ferozepur, District Ferozepur. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 06.4.2019.

The above said FIR relates to the alleged offence of cheating which was lodged on the basis of statement given by Jagir Singh who had entered into an agreement to sell with Karnail Singh (co-accused) on 10.04.2016. The said deal between the parties was facilitated through

co-accused, namely, Balwinder Singh son of Karnail Singh. Pursuant to the said deal, a sum of Rs.84 lacs in all was allegedly paid by complainant and out of it Rs.32 lacs went to the account of Karnail Singh and rest of the amount was allegedly given to other co-accused persons. On these broad allegation, the above FIR was registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was just a broker between the vendor and vendee and is not the beneficiary. According to him, no amount has been received by the petitioner from the complainant. He submits that after completion of investigation final report stands filed before the trial Court. She further contends that the case of the petitioner is at par with co-accused Balkar Singh, who has been granted concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 06.09.2019 passed by this Court in CRM-M-27728-2019.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Baldev opposed the bail application. However, he does not dispute that co-accused Balkar Singh has been granted concession of bail by this Court.

It is further apprised by learned State counsel that challan against the petitioner was filed on 03.05.2019 and till date charges have not been framed.

Considering the above background, custody period of the petitioner who is in custody since his arrest on 06.04.2019 and the fact that the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time, this Court does not find any valid reason to detain the petitioner any further in custody. 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/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Ferozepur.

The petition is allowed.

September 27, 2019  
Vijay Asija

( MANOJ BAJAJ )  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned  
Whether Reportable

Yes / No  
Yes / No