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

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Date of Decision: 20.01.2020

Manish Kumar Singla and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN**

Present:- Mr. Mohit Garg, Advocate, for the petitioners.  
Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate, for the complainant.

**RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)**

Learned counsel has filed vakalatnama on behalf of the complainant, on his own, though she has not been impleaded as party. The same is taken on record. Be tagged at appropriate place.

Through this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioners, namely, Manish Kumar Singla and Sumit Singla in case FIR No.0463 dated 25.12.2019 registered under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.5, Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

According to the prosecution, petitioners allured, duped and cheated the complainant, who is a widow and hapless woman, for ₹50,00,000/- during the period w.e.f. March, 2016 to January, 2017 giving her good interest, which finally increased to ₹63,37,350/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that

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there is no proof with the complainant that she ever handed over any payment to the petitioners. Alleged receipt of ₹63,37,350/- is not signed by any of the petitioners. Rather, same is signed by their accountants. Petitioners have falsely been implicated. They did not take any money from the complainant.

On the other hand, strongly refuting above submissions and producing certain documents, learned counsel for the complainant submits that several complaints of similar nature are pending against the petitioners in the Courts and before the police. Petitioners have duped and cheated the general public for around ₹30.00 crores. They are habitual offenders. Amount of around ₹70.00 lakh, which includes interest and principal amount of the complainant is to be recovered from the petitioners.

Heard.

Considering over all circumstances and the fact that petitioners have allured, duped and cheated the complainant, who is a widow and hapless woman, they do not deserve concession of anticipatory bail. Their custodial interrogation is required.

Dismissed.

**January 20, 2020**  
R.S.

**(RAMENDRA JAIN)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned                      Yes/No

Whether Reportable                                  Yes/No