

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-8719-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision:25.08.2020

Varinder Singh @ Varinder Thakur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate for the complainant.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks concession of regular bail pending trial in FIR No.192 dated 04.07.2019 registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 201, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR came to be registered on the statement of Dr. Kanwalpreet Kaur.

Allegations are that the complainant as also her husband namely Rahul Gupta have been duped of certain sum of money by the present petitioner as also co-accused Jyoti (wife of the petitioner), Monika (sister-in-law of the petitioner) and Pintu Kumar on the pretext

of purchasing certain property at Manohar Singh and Company at

Mullanpur, New Chandigarh.

Petitioner was arrested on 10th July, 2019.

Investigation in the case is complete and the challan already stands presented.

Trial is still at the initial stage and is not making any headway on account of current Covid-19 situation. Co-accused Jyoti, Pintu Kumar and Monika have already been granted the benefit of bail.

It is a magisterial trial.

It is not the case made out on behalf of the State that benefit of bail, if granted to the petitioner, he would be in a position to hamper the course of a free and fair trial.

In view of the above and coupled with the length of incarceration already suffered, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No