

204 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M- 13161-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : July 23, 2020

Gurinderjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr.Ramnish Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. B.S.Jaswal, Advocate for the complainant.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in FIR No. 256 dated 10.12.2019 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC registered at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

The allegation against the petitioner, who was an LIC agent, is that he had not deposited some of the instalments in respect to a Life insurance policy of the complainant's son. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the FIR was registered due to certain misunderstandings between the parties and the matter has since been amicably resolved. The petitioner has been in custody since 11.12.2019. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Mr. Jaswal, learned counsel appearing for the complainant, affirms and verifies that the matter has been amicably resolved between the parties.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Charan Singh verifies that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C./challan in this case stands presented on 10.03.2020. Due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19, not much progress is being made towards the conclusion of the trial.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

No useful purpose shall be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition.

Consequently, the petitioner be released on bail pending trial subject to their furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

It is reiterated that none of the observations made herein above are a reflection on the merits of the case and shall have no bearing on the trial.

July 23, 2020
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No