

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

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IN VIRTUAL COURT

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**CRM-M No. 14935 of 2020
Date of decision : 1.7.2020**

Jasdeep Singh Sodhi

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Mr. N. K. Vadhera, Advocate, for the petitioner

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 97 dated 10.7.2019, registered under Section 420 IPC and Section 3 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, at Police Station Shimlapuri, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

It is contended by the counsel for the petitioner that the case against the petitioner had arisen on account of some mis-understanding between the petitioner and the investors in his scheme. However, the matter has since been compromised and the dispute with all the persons, who had invested in his scheme have been settled. Still further, it is submitted that even the police conducted an enquiry and the petitioner was not found at fault during that enquiry. Still further, it is submitted that there is no other case against the petitioner. The petitioner is ready to join the investigation, if so required by the police.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

The counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Sukhwinder Singh, submits that the petitioner is involved in positive act of fraud. He had cheated the poor and helpless people. However, the learned State counsel has not been in a position to rebutt the argument of learned counsel for the petitioner that even the police had conducted an enquiry and during that enquiry nothing against the petitioner was found by the police.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds/surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

1.7.2020

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Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Reportable	:	Yes/No