

216 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16057-2020  
Date of Decision: 17.07.2020

Harjit Singh Manchotra

... Petitioner

v/s

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

Present: Ms. Himani Kapila, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG Punjab.

*(The case has been taken up through video conferencing on account of Covid-19 pandemic)*

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**VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.75, dated 19.7.2019, under Sections 420, 34 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur.

Briefly, the FIR has been registered on the basis of a complaint submitted by Vikram Singh Manchotra alleging that Harjit Singh Manchotra, petitioner is his uncle who introduced him with an unknown female agent for sending him abroad i.e. Malaysia on work permit. On 12.9.2018, the unknown lady along with the petitioner came to the house of the petitioner and took a sum of Rs. 1,30,000/- for the purpose of sending him to Malaysia. The visa was found to be false one. The complainant was detained in jail and later on sent back to India.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that in fact the amount has been received by an unknown lady whose name has not surfaced till date. Furthermore, the arrest of the petitioner was effected

on 28.5.2020. His custodial interrogation is over and he has been remanded to judicial custody. It has further been stated that investigation of the case is complete and challan has already been presented. Besides, offences are triable by the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the factual aspect of the matter.

Considering the above and the fact that conclusion of trial is likely to consume some time, further detention of the petitioner may not be justified. Therefore, without making 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 concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The petition is allowed.

**(VIVEK PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

**17.07.2020**

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