

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

CRM-M-22628-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.08.2020

Gurtej Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Puneet Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

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 benefit of regular bail pending trial in FIR No.76 dated 05.06.2020 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Sections 3, 4, 5 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978 at Police Station Chhajli, District Sangrur.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR came to be registered on the complaint of Rajbir Singh. Main allegations are against Gurpiar Singh, who is stated to have duped the complainant of a sum of Rs.6,50,000/- on the pretext of depositing such money with an investment company namely Live Trading India and on the allurements that the amount would be doubled in a span of 22 months.

Counsel has argued that the entrustment of money even as per

complainant's version was to Gurpiar Singh in two installment i.e. Rs.1,00,000/- on 18.06.2014 and Rs.5,50,000/- on 22.07.2014.

The only allegation against the present petitioner is that at the stage of furnishing a security cheque by main accused Gurpiar Singh, his alleged partner Gurtej Singh (present petitioner) has also affixed his signature.

Petitioner was arrested on 20.07.2020.

It has been argued that no recovery is to be effected from the present petitioner as there was no entrustment in his favour.

That apart main accused Gurpiar Singh has been granted ad interim protection as regards arrest subject to joining investigation by this Court vide order dated 10.08.2020 in CRM-M-19072 of 2020.

In the considered view of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any further.

Prayer is allowed.

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, Sangrur.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

August 19, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No