

GURDEEP SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. G.S.Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

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

VIVEK PURI,J. (ORAL)

In the instant case, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 98 dated 05.10.2019 under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Budhlada, District Mansa.

Briefly, the allegations are that four persons were running a company in the name of Gill Trading Company Helpline and they used to give household goods/articles on weekly installments to the persons in seven groups, each group was comprising 46 members and receiving installments since the year 2016. In the beginning, the household goods/articles were being given but later on they stopped visiting the village and even not taking telephonic calls.

It has been stated that the arrest of the petitioner was effected on 12.07.2020. His custodial interrogation is over and has been remanded to judicial custody.

It has been stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that from the allegations with regard to the receipt of amount to the tune of Rs. 5 lacs from various persons. The similarly placed co-accused namely Inderjit Singh has

already been granted bail by this Court in terms of order dated 14.01.2020 passed in CRM-M-476-2020.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspect.

In the instant case, the similarly co-accused has already been granted bail. The criminal liability of the petitioner is to be looked into during the course of trial, his custodial interrogation is over and has been remanded to judicial custody, the offence are triable by Judicial Magistrate 1st Class and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take sometime.

Keeping in view, the abovesaid facts, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars in the present case. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

03.09.2020
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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