

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-37691-2019 (O & M)

Date of Decision: August 26, 2020

SAJJAN KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Deepak Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.123 dated 05.02.2014, registered under Sections 420,406,120-B IPC, Sections 4/5/6 of the Chit Fund Act, 1978 and Section 3 of HPID Act, 2013 registered at Police Station City Sirsa, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had duped the investors on the pretext of doubling the money. He, however, contends that the petitioner was not the Director and was only a salaried employee of the Company. The petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 09 months and no recovery has been effected from him. He further contends that co-accused namely Sombir Punia, who was the Director of the Company, has been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-16116-2016 on 25.07.2016.

Learned State counsel states that the petitioner is also involved in several other cases but she is not in a position to controvert the submissions of

the learned counsel for the petitioner that no recovery has been effected from him. She further states that charges have been framed but none of the prosecution witness has been examined as yet.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the co-accused has been granted regular bail, petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 09 months, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

August 26, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No