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

**CRM-M No.42239 of 2019
Date of Decision: 12.02.2020**

**Vikram Kumar
Vs**

.....Petitioner

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.24 dated 15.05.2018 registered under Sections 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.1, District Pathankot.

Allegations are that the petitioner stood as surety and executed surety bond. Acceptance of the surety bonds was subject to verification to be done by the Revenue Authority. After verification, the surety was found to be fake as no land was found in the name of the surety/petitioner. He was identified by Harnek Singh, Namberdar who has been granted bail.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI

Sarup Singh states that the FIR in question has been lodged by the Court and the petitioner has attempted to misuse the process of the Court. Charges have been framed on 30.04.2019, but no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

Petitioner is in custody since 23.03.2019. Petitioner is no more required for any further investigation of the case. Trial of the case may take some time in its culmination. Offence is triable by the Magistrate. As per custody certificate, petitioner is not involved in any other case. There is no antecedent behaviour of criminal activity of the petitioner.

At this stage, without meaning anything on merits of the case, petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

12.02.2020

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No