

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

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CRM-M No.44470 of 2019

Date of decision:6.1.2020

Sandeep Sharma

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr.Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Jagmohan Singh Ghumman, DAG, Punjab

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 128 dated 2.7.2019 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Sections 467, 468, 471 IPC (added later on) at Police Station Chattiwind District Amritsar Rural.

As per the FIR, Kuldeep Singh son of Tarlok Singh, Balraj Singh son of Mohinder Singh and Amritpal Singh son of Veer Singh have alleged that Shekhar Sharma along with three others, namely, Rohit Kumar, Mohd. Moshin and Baldev Singh have taken huge amount from them for sending them abroad. They have forged some visas of the complainant party.

Petitioner has been implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of Rohit Kumar and supplementary statement of Veer Singh, father of Amritpal Singh (complainant).

Police has collected a bank statement, showing transfer of an

amount of Rs.1,50,000/- by Shekhar Sharma to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner and aforesaid Shekhar Sharma are friends and as per bank statements, there are transactions of exchange of money between them. Petitioner has not been named in the FIR. Petitioner is in custody for about more than five months. Challan has already been presented and charges have not been framed so far.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Naresh Kumar, states that 16.1.2020 is the date fixed for framing of charges.

At this stage, without meaning anything on the merits of the case, it would be just and appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner. The offences are triable by the Magistrate.

In view of above, this petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

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

January 06, 2020

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Whether reasoned/speaking

Whether reportable

**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Yes/No

Yes/No