

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

**Date of decision: 18.06.2020**

**CRM-M No.55373 of 2019**

Hardeep Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA**

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

Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG, Punjab.

**RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)**

1. The instant 2<sup>nd</sup> petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.58 dated 02.07.2018 registered under Sections 384/420/120-B IPC at Police Station Cantt Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. At the very outset, Mr. Aggarwal submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. The FIR has been registered on the basis of complaint moved by the complainant against the petitioner for duping Rs.25 lacs to avoid his false implication. He further submits that the petitioner is behind the bars for the last approximately 1 year. He further submits that Section 384 IPC invite maximum sentence of 3 years. The trial is likely to take long time to conclude and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG, Punjab, representing the respondent/State, though opposes the grant of regular bail, but has nothing substantial to say.

4. Having heard Mr. Aggarwal and Mr. Sheokhand through video conference/WhatsApp [the only possible way due to the pandemic COVID-19 restrictions] and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is behind the bars since long, I am of the considered view that that no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars since the trial is likely to take some time. It appears to be a fit and proper case for grant of bail pending trial.

5. Accordingly, at this stage, without going into merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made by this Court shall not be construed to be an expression on the merit of the case.

**18.06.2020**  
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**[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned:*  
*Whether Reportable:*

*Yes/No*  
*Yes/No*