

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-932-2021 (O & M)

Date of Decision: January 25, 2021

BALJINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.19 dated 08.02.2018, under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Mattaur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner had demanded ₹3 lacs for sending the complainant on work permit to Canada. The complainant had paid a sum of ₹1,70,000/- and the rest of the money was to be paid after sending the complainant to Canada. It is also mentioned in the FIR that on the repeated demands by the complainant to return the money, the petitioner had returned a sum of ₹1,20,000/- and ₹50,000/- was outstanding. Learned counsel also contends that the petitioner is in custody for about 01 year and 11 months.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 10 months and 22 days. He upon instructions from Head Constable Gurmeet Singh states that 03 out of 12

prosecution witnesses have been examined. He also contends that the petitioner is also involved in many other cases of similar nature.

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In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 10 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

January 25, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No