

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

1. CRM-M-6158-2021

Manpreet Kaur @ Monu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

2. CRM-M-2707-2021 (O&M)

Hafij

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Date of decision: 08.04.2021

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. R. V. S. Chugh, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-6158-2021.

Mr. Vishal Garg Narwana, Advocate for
Ms. Minaz Khan, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-2707-2021.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This common order shall dispose of above noted two petitions
as they arise out of the same FIR.

Prayer in these petitions, filed under Section 439 of the Code of
Criminal Procedure, is for grant of regular bail to petitioners in case FIR
No. 289 dated 22.11.2020, registered under Sections 419, 420, 406, 120-B

of the IPC at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioners have argued that as per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of complainant Gulbahar Singh, it is stated that he used to go to pay obeisance to Balwinder Singh @ Bindi Baba, who used to solve the problems of the people. There, he met Surjit Singh @ Jagga, who told complainant that he knew some persons and a lady, who by way of *Tantrik Vidya* (Black magic), can double the money and in that process, the complainant handed over some amount to the petitioners and other accused on the promise that they will double the same, however, later on, the complainant found that he has been cheated.

Learned counsel, appearing for petitioner Manpreet Kaur @ Monu, submitted that petitioner is a lady having no such criminal antecedents and she is in judicial custody since 01.12.2020.

Learned counsel, appearing for petitioner Hafij, submitted that petitioner is in judicial custody since 03.12.2020 and he is also not involved in any other case.

Learned counsel for the petitioners have further argued that offences are triable by the Court of a Magistrate; investigation is complete; petitioners are no more required for any further custodial investigation and conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of the custody certificates filed today, has not disputed the factual position. As per custody certificates, the petitioners are not involved in any other case.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the aforesaid submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners, the instant

petitions are allowed. Petitioners Manpreet Kaur @ Monu and Hafij are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.

08.04.2021

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No