

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

**CRM-M No.8336 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision :25.02.2021**

Ragbir Singh @ Raghvir Singh and Anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.195 dated 13.12.2020 registered under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, 1860 at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that an unbelievable and totally concocted version has been brought fourth by the complainant in the FIR in question. It has been submitted that, in fact, the petitioners are innocent and their role was just of 'mediators' in arranging the marriage of the complainant with the co-accused Preet Komal. It has been further submitted that a perusal of the contents of the FIR clearly reveal that substantial sums of money was, in fact, paid by the complainant into the account of his wife, co-accused-Preet Komal. Learned counsel has thus, prayed for concession of regular bail as the petitioners have been in custody since 17.12.2020 for offences under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC,

only challan has been presented and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future. Hence, it has been prayed that the concession of regular bail be extended to the petitioners.

Heard.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to controvert the factum of substantial sums of money having been deposited in the account of co-accused Preet Komal i.e. wife of the complainant.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner have been in custody since 17.12.2020 , the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic Covid-19, hence, the present petition is allowed and the petitioners are admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No