

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

CRM-M-20335-2021(O&M)

Date of decision : 08.07.2021

Dharampal Singh alias Dharampal Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr.Kiran Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.H.S.Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

This is the third bail application preferred by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail pending trial in FIR No. 171 dated 01.08.2016, under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Shahkot, Jalandhar.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Briefly, it may be noticed that prosecution version is that the petitioner while portraying himself to be a travel agent has duped as many as 90 persons of a sum of Rs.90 lakhs on the false pretext of sending them abroad.

FIR had been lodged in the year 2016.

The petitioner having not joined the process of law was

declared a proclaimed offender. He was finally arrested on 22.09.2019.

Investigation in the case is complete and challan has been presented. Charges have also been framed.

Court has been informed that out of 111 prosecution witnesses cited, only 15 have been examined till date.

Trial would take time to conclude particularly keeping in view the current Covid situation.

Petitioner has already faced incarceration for a period of approximately 1 year and 9 months as of date.

Petitioner is not stated to be involved in any other case.

In view of the above and without opining on the merits of the case, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to imposition of stringent conditions by the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No