

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

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CRM-M-21483-2021

Date of Decision: 28.09.2021

Dhruv Singh @ Jagmohan Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Aditya Pratap Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for complainant.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail has been moved by petitioner-**Dhruv Singh @ Jagmohan Singh** in case FIR No.16 dated 13.03.2019 under Section 420 IPC read with Section 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Shahpur Kandi, District Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that version, as alleged in the FIR, is totally concocted one and there is no iota of truth therein. He further urges that allegedly petitioner duped the complainants of huge amount on the pretext of getting their sons employed in CPWD Department. He further submits that petitioner is languishing in custody since 05.04.2021 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose as after completion of investigation, final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (*Challan*) has already been presented in Court and trial

has commenced. He further urges that since trial of the case would take

sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for complainant while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the contents of petition.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 05.04.2021; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that *Challan* has already been presented in Court and since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Dhruv Singh @ Jagmohan Singh** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Pathankot, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

28.09.2021

Varinder Prashad