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

CRM-M-22045-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.06.2021

Shivraj @ Shivraj SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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(through video conferencing)

Present: Mr. Amandeep Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

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MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.134 dated 24.07.2021 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (REG) Act, registered at Police Station Khamano, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner while inviting the attention of this court to the allegations levelled in the FIR submits that it has just been alleged that he had introduced the complainant to the main accused who had demanded and taken Rs.18,50,000/- for sending the complainant to U.S.A. through China. Learned counsel further submits that there are no allegations levelled in the FIR of the petitioner being given or demanding a single penny from the complainant. He further submits that the petitioner

as on date. Hence, there is no likelihood of the trial concluding any time in the near future. He has also submitted that the petitioner is a man of clean antecedents and is not involved in any other criminal case of similar nature.

Per contra the learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, while opposing the prayer of the learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to controvert the factual aspect of the submissions so made with respect to the role of the petitioner in the alleged crime.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel and keeping in view that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.03.2021 and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail. The petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that any observation made herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

17.06.2021

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Note: Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes / No
Yes / No