

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

**CRM-M No.32087 of 2021
Date of Decision:-13.08.2021**

Lakhwinder @ Bhoot @ Palwinder Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent.

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

Present:- Mr. Ravi Chadda, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

The petitioner herein seeks the relief of regular bail in the criminal case pertaining to the FIR bearing No.108 dated 22.05.2019 registered at Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur, under Section 420 IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act with the allegations that he, along-with his co-accused, duped the complainant of Rs.13 lacs on the pretext of sending him abroad.

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has joined the proceedings in this case in pursuance of the notice of this petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance and she has forwarded the custody certificate of the petitioner to this Court through *e-mail*, and the same is taken on the record.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in this petition and have perused the file thoroughly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 23.02.2021 and the investigation has already been concluded and the Challan has been presented against him in this case and it being so, he deserves the relief as prayed for in this petition.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the above-referred factual position but she argues that in view of the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, this petition be dismissed.

Keeping in view the facts that the petitioner is behind the bars since 23.02.2021 and the Challan has already been presented in the Court and the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Lakhwinder @ Bhoot @ Palwinder Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing the requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The instant petition stands allowed accordingly.

August 13, 2021
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No