

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

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CRM-M-34510-2021

Date of Decision: 29.10.2021

Gurpreet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Pranav Chadha, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner- **Gurpreet Singh** in case F.I.R. No.101 dated 26.08.2020 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station City Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Short reply dated 28.10.2021 by way of affidavit of Lakhwinder Singh Mal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Nakodar, Jalandhar filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record.

Learned counsel for 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 submits that allegedly on the pretext of sending son of complainant to Spain, complainant was duped of Rs.8 lakhs (Rupees Eight Lakhs).He further submits that petitioner is languishing in custody since 25.04.2021 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 the 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.

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 languishing in custody since 25.04.2021; 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- **Gurpreet Singh** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate Nakodar, District Jalandhar, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

29.10.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No