

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

**CRM-M-33914-2020
Date of decision: 13.01.2021**

Sanjay Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Anureet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 114 dated 21.12.2018, registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC of the IPC at Police Station City-1 Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of complainant Dharminder Singh, it is stated that in November, 2013, Balbir Singh and Balwant Singh Walia came to his house and offered him to invest money in a company floated by them and thereafter, the complainant, as per details given in the FIR, invested some amount in the company.

Learned counsel further submits that petitioner was in fact an employee in the said company and the authorized signatory of the company, namely Jaswinder Singh, has already been granted concession of default bail under Section 167(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is not involved

in any other case; offences are triable by the Court of a Magistrate; challan stands presented and it will take a long time time in conclusion of trial as even charges are not yet framed.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of the custody certificate, has not disputed the factual position and submitted that charges are yet to be framed and total 44 cited prosecution witnesses are to be examined.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody since 27.06.2020; he is not involved in any other case; the main accused has already been granted default bail and also in view of the fact that conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, concerned.

13.01.2021

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No