

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

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**CRM-2469-2021 in/and
CRM-M-40903-2020.
Date of Decision: 16.03.2021.**

Jaspal Singh

....Applicant/Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate for applicant/petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

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Learned counsel for applicant/petitioner submits that instant application has been rendered infructuous and may be disposed of as such.

In view of above, instant application is disposed of having been rendered infructuous.

Main Case

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C has been moved by petitioner-**Jaspal Singh** for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.1 dated 03.01.2018 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC (Charge framed under Sections 120-B and 420 IPC), registered at Police Station Bajakhana, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that allegations levelled in the FIR are totally concocted, false and frivolous and there is no iota of truth therein. He further submits that instant FIR has been lodged by Tirlok Singh (complainant) against the petitioner, his wife Sukhwinder Kaur and Jagpal Singh on the allegations that they gave allurements to complainant-Tirlok Singh to get his son Baljit Singh recruited in Police department Haryana and received a sum of Rs.1,12,000/- in lieu thereof. He further urges that petitioner is in custody since 13.01.2020 and he is no more required by the Investigating Agency for any investigation purpose. He further submits that after completion of investigation, final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (*Challan*) has already been presented in Court. He further urges that on the same allegations, co-accused namely Jagpal Singh has already been released on bail by this Court, vide order dated 24.07.2020 passed in CRM-M-10338-2020. He further submits 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 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 carefully gone through the records.

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 13.01.2020; that

purpose; that *Challan* has already been presented in Court; that co-accused namely Jagpal Singh has already been released on bail by this Court, vide order dated 24.07.2020 passed in CRM-M-10338-2020 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-**Jaspal 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, Faridkot, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No