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

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Date of decision: 20.05.2022

Sanjay Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Nain, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG, Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.47 dated 31.01.2020 under Sections 120-B, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 506 IPC registered at Police Station City Tohana, District Fatehabad.

Status report dated 08.05.2022 by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tohana, District Fatehabad, filed in the Registry, is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that version, as alleged in the FIR, is totally false and there is no iota of truth therein; that the petitioner has been in custody since 30.05.2021. The allegations against the petitioner are that he alongwith the co-accused had duped the complainant to the tune of Rs.24,11,000/- on the pretext of sending the students abroad. He further contends that co-accused, namely, Meena

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Kumari, Dharamender @ Baljeet and Sunil Kumar have since been extended concession of regular bail by a Coordinate Bench, vide orders dated 01.10.2021, 24.11.2021 and 06.12.2021 (Annexures P-2 to P-4), respectively, and that on the ground of parity, the petitioner is also entitled for the such concession.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that keeping in view the seriousness of offence, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Charges have been framed. The petitioner has been in custody since 30.05.2021. Out of 24 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. As stated above, the co-accused have since been granted the concession of regular bail. Trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

20.05.2022

parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No