

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

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**CRM-M-3257-2022**

**Date of decision: 05.04.2022**

TARLOCHAN SINGH@LADHA

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH**

Present : Mr. L.S.Lakhanpal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab  
for the respondent.

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**SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case, FIR No. 111 dated 03.08.2015 registered under Section 420/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar Rural.

The allegations against the petitioner in the present FIR are that he instigated the complainant and dishonestly induced him to deliver/pay Rs. 12 lacs for sending him and his wife abroad on which complainant paid a sum of Rs.7 lacs to the petitioner and others but after receiving the said amount neither the complainant nor his wife were sent abroad and the money was also not returned.

The petition has been opposed by learned State Counsel. However, no reply has been filed on behalf of respondent/State.

I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and gone

through the case file.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Co-accused Sukhjit Singh @ Happy has already been granted anticipatory bail by the learned trial Court vide order dated 29.03.2016 and co-accused Mandeep Kaur @ Mandeep Sandhu has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 18.02.2022. The petitioner is in custody since 23.10.2021. Trial is likely to take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody. Therefore, the petitioner may be ordered to be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposed the submissions of learned Counsel for the petitioner and has stated that the allegations against the petitioner are serious. Therefore, the petition for grant of regular bail to the petitioner may be dismissed.

Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of custody of the petitioner, co-accused Sukhjit Singh @ Happy and Mandeep Kaur @ Mandeep Sandhu have been granted bail, custodial interrogation of the petitioner not required, trial is likely to take long time but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing of personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

05.04.2022  
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(SANT PARKASH)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No