

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-8283-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.03.2022

SURINDER SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present:- Mr. H. S. Thiara, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dyal, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.136 dated 15.10.2021, registered under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC at P.S.Navi Baradari, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner in not named in the instant FIR and was indicted as an accused only on the basis of disclosure statement made by the co-accused. It is further contended that the petitioner was employed as an office boy with the main accused Himansh Verma and has nothing to do with the allegations levelled against main accused. Neither any money has ever been received by the petitioner from the complainant nor there are any allegations against him that he had ever induced the complainant to part with any money on false pretexts.

Moreover, the main accused Himansh Verma has already been

granted concession of interim bail by this Court, whereas the present petitioner was arrested on 10.11.2021 and since then, he is in custody.

Learned State counsel although opposes the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, does not dispute the fact with regard to the custody period undergone by the petitioner. He further concedes that the petitioner is neither involved in any other FIR nor any other case is pending against him.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the case file.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts that the petitioner is in custody since 10.11.2021; the main accused has already been granted the concession of interim bail and further that the petitioner is not involved in any other case, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him behind bars. Moreover, conclusion of the trial will take some time keeping in view the prevailing pandemic situation.

Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and without commenting on the merits of the case, it is considered as appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

Accordingly, the petition stands allowed.

(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

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Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*