

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

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CRM-M-9445 of 2022

Date of decision : 10.03.2022

Gulshan Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. K. S. Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 439 Cr. P. C. is for grant of Regular Bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.46 dated 24.02.2020 registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 IPC at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the case as per FIR is that the petitioner is alleged to have accepted money from the complainants on the assurance to get them recruited in the police department. It is alleged by the complainants that under the aforesaid assurance, the petitioner had collected a sum of more than Rs. 30 Lakhs. He further submits that the matter in question was initially compromised with respondents, however, cheques issued towards payment of the said sum, got dishonoured, thus, reviving the instant case. It is pointed out that the petitioner is in custody since 22.07.2021 and that the investigation in the case is complete. Charges against the petitioner are yet to be framed. Conclusion of the trial is likely to take time. He further argues that nothing has been recovered at the instance of the petitioner during the course of investigation.

supplement that charge has not yet framed and case is now fixed for 17.03.2022 for the purpose of framing of charge.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into account the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 22.07.2021 and the investigation is complete. Even the charge has not been framed and there are as many as 19 witnesses that remain to be examined by the prosecution. The conclusion of the trial shall take a long time and investigation is complete and nothing has been recovered from the petitioner. Considering the totality and circumstances of the case, I deem it fit and appropriate to allow the instant petition.

The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

The instant petition is accordingly disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

10.03.2022
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>