

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

Sr. No.209

CRM-M-18770 of 2021

Date of Decision: 15.03.2022

Vishal Maan

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. Sumit S.Bairagi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amreek Singh Narwal, DAG, Haryana.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

*[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court]*

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.244 dated 26.02.2020, registered under Section 420 IPC and Section 10 of Immigration Act (Sections 406, 467, 468 and 471 IPC added later on) at Police Station Thanesar City, District Kurukshetra.

It is contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case as the role of the petitioner is merely of an intermediary between the complainant and accused No.3-Saloni Saluja and it is the accused No.3, to whom the money was transferred by the petitioner and whole process of visa application was done by the said accused alone. It is further contended that the said main accused Saloni Saluja has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 28.10.2020 and the present petitioner is in custody since 09.06.2020.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner and submits that challan in the present case has been presented and charges have also been framed. The petitioner is a habitual offender and also involved in 17 other cases. However, learned State counsel does not dispute the fact with regard to the custody period undergone by the petitioner.

Heard.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 09.06.2020 and the role attributed to him is identical to that of the main accused-Saloni Saluja, who has already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 28.10.2020; challan in the present case has been presented and further that the offences of the present case are triable by the Magistrate, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner 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.

Ordered accordingly.

Petition stands allowed.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

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