

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

CRM-M-21802-2022

Date of Decision:-27.05.2022

Imran Farhat.

.....**Petitioner.**

Versus

State of Haryana.

.....**Respondent.**

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present:- Mr. Sarfraz Hussain, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Deputy Advocate General Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The Prayer in this petition is for the grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.PC in case FIR No.60 dated 31.01.2020 under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468, 471, 506, 201 and 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Adarsh Nagar, Ballabhgarh, District Faridabad.

The prosecution case in brief is that the complainant-Rajender Singh alleged that he was cheated by the accused by taking Rs.20 lacs for selection in the Pondicherry Ranji Trophy team. Initially he had made a payment of Rs.6 lacs in cash and remaining amount was deposited in account of the younger brother of Arshad Khan. He alleges that it was a gang that run a cricket academy in order to cheat the persons. When the complainant demanded the above said amount, he was threatened with death.

The Counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations that he and his brother Arshad took Rs.20 lacs for selection in the Ranji Trophy Team are absolutely baseless. The petitioner and his brother were themselves victims as one Bijender had committed a fraud on them that he would get the petitioner's brother Arshad selected in the Pondicherry Ranji Team and had taken money for the same but the name of the Arshad was not cleared for the team and effectively the petitioner and his co-accused were victims. It is further contended that his co-accused Arshad has been granted the concession of bail and he having been in custody since 16.06.2021 and the challan having been filed, he to deserves the concession of regular bail.

The Counsel for the State on the other hand has pointed out that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and that Bijender the co-accused of the petitioner is still absconding and, therefore, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail. He further admits that the co-accused of the petitioner, Arshad has been granted the concession of regular bail, though the role of the petitioner is different from that of Arshad.

I have heard counsel for both the sides at length.

As per the case of the prosecution a sum of Rs.11 lacs is said to have been paid into the account of the petitioner. Be that as it may, the petitioner is in custody since 16.06.2021 and the challan already stands filed. As many as 14 witnesses are to be examined during the course of trial and none have been examined so far.

Keeping in view the aforementioned facts the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required. As the trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner **Imran Farhat** son of Gaffur is ordered to be released on bail

subject to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

If the petitioner commits a similar offence for which he is currently charged, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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