

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

**CRM-M-45852 of 2021
Date of Decision:- 28.04.2022**

Palwinder Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Avtar Singh Bhatti, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

Prayer is for grant for regular bail to the petitioner in case having FIR No.24 dated 22.01.2019 registered under Section 420 IPC, 1860 and offence under Section 24 of The Immigration Act, 1983 added lateron at P.S. Model Town, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was running business of providing fake visas and Director General of Police, Punjab received complaint from embassy of Jordan against the petitioner who was running his travel agency under the name and style of Tyson Enterprises City Center near Bus Stand Hoshiarpur.

The counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and is in custody since 13.08.2021. The counsel further submitted that the police has already completed its investigation. He further submitted that in all the other criminal cases the petitioner has been granted bail but he has not furnished requisite bail bonds in two of the criminal cases, which are pending against him. The counsel further made prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

The present petition is contested by the State Counsel who submitted that the petitioner is having criminal history and is facing serious charges, as such is not entitled to concession of regular bail in the present case.

As per the custody certificate the petitioner appears to be in custody for the last more than 8 months. Admittedly, the investigation in the present case has been completed and challan has been presented against the petitioner. It will take time for completion of the trial. Undoubtedly, the petitioner is also involved in another criminal cases of similar nature. As per the custody certificate he is shown to be on bail in most of the said criminal cases. The counsel for the petitioner has clarified that in two of the criminal cases the petitioner has not furnished the bail bonds and is on bail in the remaining cases.

In view of the above, no purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars for an indefinite period. Thus,

without expressing on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is hereby ordered to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned during the pendency of the trial.

28.04.2022*P. Chawla***(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned / speaking? Yes / No

Whether reportable? Yes / No