

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

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CRM-M-8499-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.08.2023

Balram Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. MK Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J.

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.33 dated 13.05.2022, registered under Section 420 IPC, at Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner is in custody for more than 5 months. The allegations against him are of alluring the complainant and others to invest in a company namely Lifecare Estate India Pvt. Ltd.. However, he alleges false implication, as he had resigned from the said company in the year 2015. Main accused Manohar Lal, who is the Director of the company, is in custody. The petitioner has no vision in the left eye and has to be operated upon on 21.08.2023 at PGIMER Chandigarh. Challan stands presented on 13.02.2023, however, charges

are yet to be framed and in all there are 14 witnesses. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

3. The custody certificate dated 16.08.2023, filed by learned State counsel is taken on record, as per which, the petitioner is behind bars for 5 months and 7 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are allegations of having dishonestly induced the complainant and others to invest Rs.6 lakh in a company on the pretext that the amount would be doubled. The medical condition of the petitioner has also been got verified from the PGIMER, Chandigarh vide certificate dated 16.08.2023, which has been produced in the Court, as per which the submission as made by learned counsel for the petitioner is found to be correct. She is however unable to controvert the submissions made regarding the stage of the trial and the petitioner not being involved in any other case.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for last 5 months and 7 days; an eye surgery of the petitioner is to be conduct on 21.08.2023, as per certificate of PGIMER; not involved in any other case; though challan was presented on 13.02.2023, however, charges are yet to be framed and in all there are 14 witnesses; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, thus his further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose, the present petition for grant of regular bail deserves to be allowed.

7. As a result, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety

bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to his not being required in any other case. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks to change any of the aforesaid, the same shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would

not be construed as an opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

18.08.2023
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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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