

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22776-2022

Date of Decision: 13th July, 2023

Ranjit Kaur and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Sarju Puri, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This second petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure is filed seeking regular bail in FIR No.98 dated 25.6.2014 under Sections 406/420/120-B IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar. Earlier petition filed by the petitioners was dismissed as withdrawn on 14.3.2022.

2. Brief facts are that FIR was registered at the instance of Charan Singh alleging that Ranjit Kaur and Jagdeep Singh @ Jaggi (the petitioners) ostensibly received Rs. 7 lakhs on the pretext of sending his son to Italy. The petitioners were declared proclaimed persons on 29.4.2016 and they were arrested on 14.12.2021.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the offences are triable by the Magistrate, the petitioners are in custody for more than 1 ½ years and they are not involved in any other criminal case.

4. Learned State counsel has filed custody certificates. As per the custody certificates, custody period of both the petitioners is approximately one year and nine months. He however, opposes the prayer for grant of bail.
5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, having conspectuous of the facts and considering the custody period of both the petitioners and the fact that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, petitioners have clean antecedents, the petitioners are granted bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.
6. The petition is allowed.
7. Since the main case has been allowed the pending application(s), if any is rendered infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

13th July, 2023
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Whether reasoned/speaking	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No