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

CRM-M-43240-2023

Date of Decision: 08.11.2023

Gurpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. M.K. Bhatnagar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.K. Bawa, Advocate,
for respondent No.2/complainant.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.155 dated 22.07.2023, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Chheharta, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 06.08.2023 and now the investigation of the case has already been completed and thereafter, challan has also been presented before the competent Court. He further submitted that the allegation in the present case is with regard to obtaining money in exchange of sending the daughter of the complainant abroad and regarding which a

disputed amount of Rs.1,40,000/- was given by the complainant and so far as the role of the petitioner in the present case is concerned, he had only introduced the complainant with the other co-accused, namely, Mandeep Singh. He also submitted that the aforesaid Mandeep Singh has already been extended the benefit of interim anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M-54875-2023 on 03.11.2023 and even otherwise also the matter has been compromised between the parties and the entire amount has been returned to the complainant. He further submitted that the petitioner is having clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case. He submitted that considering the aforesaid factual position, the petitioner may be considered for grant of regular bail.

3. On the other hand, Mr. H.S. Sitta, learned DAG, Punjab has not disputed the aforesaid position pertaining to the custody of the petitioner and also that the subject matter of the dispute is only of Rs.1,40,000/-. He, has however, submitted that the petitioner has also received an amount of Rs.40,000/- in this regard.

4. Mr. S.K. Bawa, Advocate has caused appearance on behalf of the complainant and stated that he has instructions to state that the matter has been compromised between the parties and the entire amount has been paid back to the complainant.

5. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

6. The dispute was with regard to an amount of Rs.1,40,000/- and as per the learned counsel for the complainant as well, the matter has been compromised and the entire amount has been returned back to the complainant. The petitioner is in custody since 06.08.2023 and the

investigation of the case has already been completed and thereafter, challan has also been presented before the competent Court. The petitioner is stated to be not involved in any other case, therefore, this Court is of the view that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail.

7. Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

8. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is only meant for the purpose of decision of present petition.

08.11.2023.

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
2. Whether reportable:	Yes/No