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

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CRM-M-50157-2023

Date of decision : 10.10.2023

Gurmit Singh @ Guri**..... Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab and others****..... Respondents****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.44 dated 21.07.2023, registered for the offence punishable under Section 420 of IPC, 1860 at Police Station Rurke Kalan, District Barnala.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that there is no allegation that any money was ever received by the petitioner and the present FIR is a counter blast to the fact that daughter of the complainant is live-in-relation with the present petitioner. The petitioner as well as daughter of the complainant i.e. Prabhjot Kaur approached this Court by way of CRWP-11439-2022 seeking protection of their life and liberty which was disposed off vide order dated 05.12.2022. The petitioner has no other criminal antecedents. The other FIR i.e. FIR No.43/2023 dated 20.07.2023 involving similar allegations has already been registered at the behest of one of the relatives of the

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present complainant.

3. Counsel for the State does not dispute that there is no evidence collected by the investigation agency with respect to payment of money to the present petitioner upto this stage apart from the bald allegations levelled in the present FIR.

4. Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the incarceration already suffered by the petitioner, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

5. Needless to say nothing recorded herein shall be construed to be an expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No