



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 2413 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.05.2024

Sohan Lal @ Goldy

..... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Haryana and another

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Dhruv Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
for respondent No. 1.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Bartia, Advocate
for respondent No. 2-complainant.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in case bearing FIR No.326, dated 01.06.2023, under Sections 406/420 of IPC (Section 370 of IPC and Section 24, Immigration Act, 1983 added later on), registered at Police Station Ambala City, District Ambala, wherein he has been implicated with the allegations of having cheated the complainant for a sum of Rs. 12.50 lakhs under the pretext of sending him abroad.

[2] During pendency of the present petition, with the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter was referred to Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court, wherein a settlement has been arrived at between the parties by reducing a compromise / settlement deed dated

22.05.2024 into writing, as per which, a sum of Rs. 3,50,000/- be returned by the petitioner to the complainant, out of which, a sum of Rs. 1,25,000/- already stands received by the complainant, whereas the remaining amount shall be released in his favour at the time of recording of statement upon filing of quashing petition.

[3] Learned counsel for respondent No. 2-complainant admits the factum of compromise.

[4] In view of the changed circumstances, wherein the parties have already entered into a settlement and in pursuance thereof, the complainant is not going to support the case of prosecution, I do not find any justification to extend the incarceration of petitioner any further, who is behind the bars since 12.06.2023, i.e. for the past more than 11 months.

[5] In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the present petition, the same is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

[6] It is made clear that this order may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

May 29, 2024

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**(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>