



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

**CRM-M-13743-2024**

**Date of Decision: May 16, 2024**

**Gurcharan Singh**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

**Present:-** Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)**

Status report by way of affidavit of Shri Satvir Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Barnala, District Barnala alongwith custody certificate has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State.

2. By way of present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for his release on regular bail in a case arising out of FIR No.322 dated 17.08.2019, under Section 420 and 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

3. It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that offences in question are triable by the Magistrate; that investigation is already complete; that only allegation, as per the aforesaid status report is to have duped the complainant by alluring him fake job offer by obtaining ₹7,45,000/-. Learned counsel contends that the allegations are false and that trial may take long time to conclude. It is also submitted that petitioner has already been allowed bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in case FIR No.114 dated 05.10.2019, under Section 420/34 IPC, registered at Police

Station Division No.2, Pathankot, District Pathankot vide order dated 22.04.2024 passed in CRM-M-51717-2021 (O&M).

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition by pointing out towards the nature of the allegations that petitioner alongwith co-accused duped the complainant to the tune of ₹7,45,000/-.

5. Admittedly, the offences in question are triable by the Magistrate. Investigation is complete. Challan has been filed. Trial is likely to take long time to conclude. Petitioner is in custody for the last 05 months and 01 day.

6. Having regard to all the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, petitioner is admitted to bail. He is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

Allowed.

**May 16, 2024**

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)**

**JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No