

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-63601-2023
Date of decision : 07.03.2024

Puneet Kumar Dhanotra Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, 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.163 dated 01.06.2021, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 420 of IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station Ranjit Avenue, District Amritsar.
2. The petitioner is alleged to have duped the complainant at the pretext of sending his son abroad by taking Rs.11.45 lakhs. Mr. Gulati submits that even as per the contents of the FIR, the petitioner paid back an amount of Rs.5 lakhs i.e. Rs.2 lakhs by cheque No.129377, another amount of Rs.2 lakhs by cheque No.129378 and Rs.1 lakh in cash. He submits that the petitioner though has issued cheques, but the same were dishonoured as the petitioner was in financial distress and was facing multiple FIRs involving similar allegations. He further submits that the petitioner still has intent to

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settle all the disputes and thus it would not be a case of cheating as defined under Section 415 of the Penal Code.

3. Petitioner is behind bars for more than 04 months and 15 days. So far as his antecedents are concerned, the same relates to FIRs involving similar offences. Challan already stands presented in this case.

4. In view of above, the present petition is disposed off. 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