



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

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CRM-M-60511-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.03.2026

Ravinder Singh @ Ravi Saab

...Petitioner(s)

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CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Amandeep Singh Jawandha, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Narender Kumar Vashist, Addl. PP U.T. Chandigarh
in CRM-M-48586-2025.

Mr. Balram Singh, PP U.T. Chandigarh
in CRM-M-60511-2025.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Both the present petitions, seeking grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 190 dated 01.11.2024 registered under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Central, Sector-17, Chandigarh; and FIR No. 158 dated 10.09.2024 registered under the same provisions of law at Police Station Central, Sector-17, U.T. Chandigarh, are being decided by this common order, inasmuch as they arise out of two separate FIRs involving substantially similar

allegations.

2. In view of the similarity of allegations, the nature of accusations and the issues involved, both the petitions are being adjudicated together by way of this common order. However, for the facility of reference, the facts are being taken from **CRM-M-60511-2025** titled as '**Ravinder Singh @ Ravi Saab Vs. State of UT Chandigarh**' arising out of above **FIR No. 190 dated 01.11.2024**.

3. The present FIR came to be registered on the basis of a complaint submitted by one Pooja Goyal, wife of Ashok Kumar Goyal, resident of House No. 1408/9, Phase-XI, SAS Nagar (Mohali). The complainant alleged that she had approached B.B. Council, SCO No. 69, Sector 17-D, Chandigarh, for the purpose of securing a study visa for her daughter, Gunjan Goyal, in Cambria College Ltd., Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. It is stated that the complainant, being a layperson and not conversant with the procedural requirements for processing such applications, relied upon the petitioner-firm for assistance in the matter. It is further alleged that, owing to lack of financial resources, the complainant was offered a loan of Rs.16,00,000/- by the petitioner-firm, for which she was required to furnish 79 blank cheques as security. It was also alleged that two of the said cheques, bearing No. 00144616 for an amount of Rs.16,500/- and cheque No. 00144618 for an amount of Rs.68,000/-, were encashed on 05.08.2023 and 24.01.2024, respectively. However, instead of securing admission for the complainant's daughter in the institution of her choice, namely Cambria College Ltd., she was allegedly offered admission in a different college situated in Edmonton, Canada. Aggrieved thereof and

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alleging deception and breach of trust the present FIR was registered.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the present FIRs arise out of complaints filed by different individuals, however, containing identical allegations. He submits that the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused in multiple cases on the basis of such identical allegations. It is further submitted that in FIR No. 190 dated 01.11.2024, the petitioner has already undergone an actual custody of more than 11 months and despite such prolonged incarceration, even the charge has not been framed so far and thus the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude. He contends that there are total 20 prosecution witnesses, however, despite custody of more than 11 months, even charge has not been framed so far, hence, the conclusion of trial shall take a long time to conclude. Learned counsel further submits that in FIR No. 158 dated 10.09.2024, the petitioner has similarly undergone an actual custody of more than 09 months and the stage of trial is also identical. It is further contended that the petitioner has already been granted the concession of regular bail in another case bearing FIR No. 80 dated 02.05.2024, involving similar allegations and offences, vide order dated 22.04.2025 passed in CRM-M-6807-2025, after noticing that the petitioner had undergone an actual custody of more than 7 ½ months.

5. He, however, fairly points out that the bail petition of the petitioner in another case bearing FIR No. 43 dated 10.04.2025 was dismissed vide order dated 05.03.2026 passed in CRM-M-67743-2025, after noticing that the period of custody was only 06 months therein. It is, however, contended that the facts of the present case stand on a different

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footing, inasmuch as the petitioner has already undergone a substantially longer period of custody in both the present FIRs. Learned counsel submits that the case of the petitioner is, therefore, more akin to the circumstances considered by this Court in CRM-M-6807-2025, wherein the concession of regular bail was granted after noticing prolonged custody. It is also contended that the offences alleged are triable by a Court of Magistrate and the period of custody already undergone by the petitioner would make out a case for grant of regular bail. Learned counsel has also contended that despite the lapse of considerable time, the Trial Court has not proceeded to frame charges and such delay operates to the prejudice of the petitioner.

6. Learned APP for respondent-U.T. Chandigarh, on the other hand, contend that the petitioner has cheated a large number of persons, which is nearly 127 in number and the total amount duped is to the tune of Rs.4.65 crore approximately. Learned State counsel has reiterated that the conduct of the petitioner demonstrates a pattern of habitual involvement in similar offences and on that account, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail. It is contended that, considering the magnitude of the alleged fraud and the number of victims involved, the earlier petition was rightly dismissed. The period of custody already undergone by the petitioner in the present cases is, however, not disputed. It is also not disputed that the bail was granted to the petitioner in CRM-M-6807-2025 wherein he had undergone an actual custody of more than 7 ½ months.

7. I have heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and have gone through the documents appended with the instant petitions as well as the orders passed by this Court in CRM-M-6807-

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2025 and CRM-M-67743-2025 respectively, with their able assistance.

8. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the facts and circumstances as noted above, including the period of actual custody already undergone by the petitioner in both the cases, i.e. more than 11 months and 09 months respectively, the stage of the trial wherein charges have not yet been framed and the prosecution evidence is yet to commence and the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude coupled with the fact in a Magisterial trial, the period of custody already undergone would be sufficient at this stage and that the case of the petitioner is akin to the order dated 22.04.2025 passed by this Court in CRM-M-6807-2025, I deem it fit to allow the instant petitions.

9. Accordingly, the instant petitions are allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/heavy surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned and depositing his passport with the concerned authorities so as to obviate a flight risk.

10. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

11. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

19.03.2026

Mangal Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No