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157 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-7853-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision :30.04.2026

Sanjeev Kumar @ Birbal

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Rahul Kesar, Advocate and
Mr. Sumant Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Ravinder Singh Maur, Advocate and
Mr. Sonpreet Singh Kalra, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.71 dated 26.06.2024, under Sections 420, 406, 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda.

2. Succinctly, the facts of the present case are that the FIR in question was registered on the statement of complainant, Balvir Singh. It was alleged that the petitioner along with co-accused committed fraud and cheated more than 150 persons for crores of rupees on the pretext of allotting them plots after making a colony. Thus, request was made to take legal action against the accused. On registration of FIR, the investigation commenced. During investigation, the petitioner was arrested on 21.10.2024. On completion of investigation, challan was presented and on framing of charges, the trial commenced. The petitioner approached the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda, for grant of bail, however, after hearing both the sides, the said relief was declined to him by the trial Court vide order dated 27.01.2025. However, it is apposite to mention



here that petitioner is on interim bail, granted by this Court vide order dated 26.03.2025.

3. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuant to order dated 19.03.2026, an amount of Rs.1 crore, has already been deposited with the learned trial Court and he has duly joined the trial. He submits that vide order dated 19.03.2026, this Court had directed learned trial Court to disburse the amount of Rs.1 crore amongst all 98 victims as per their share. He has further submitted that the petitioner had been granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 26.03.2025. He submits that after having been granted the interim bail, the petitioner has never misused the concession of bail. He thus, submits that in the facts and circumstances of the case, the interim bail granted to the petitioner deserves to be made absolute.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner and submits that there are total 98 victims in the present case and thus, prays for disbursal of amount of Rs.1 crore amongst all the victims including the complainant as per their share.

5. Per contra, learned State counsel though has opposed the submissions made by learned Senior counsel for the petitioner. He further submits that an amount of Rs.1 crore has been deposited with the trial Court and it is for the trial Court to disburse the said amount as per order dated 19.03.2026, passed by this Court. He, however, has submitted that there is nothing on the record to show that the petitioner has misused the concession of interim bail granted to him as there is no complaint *qua* the same.

6. In view of the above, it is deciphered that as directed by this



Court, an amount of Rs.1 crore has already been deposited by the petitioner with the trial Court, concerned and the trial Court is directed to disburse the same amongst all 98 victims, expeditiously.

7. This Court finds that there being no adverse record concluding that the petitioner has misused the concession of interim bail, thus, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 26.03.2025 is made absolute to his already furnished surety/bail bonds before the trial Court and the same shall be treated as alive till the final disposal of the trial. The petitioner is directed to keep on appearing before the trial Court as and when required to do so and also to comply with the direction of the trial Court given by it during the pendency of the trial. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Since the main case has already been allowed, pending CRM-12955-2026, seeking clarification/modification of order dated 19.03.2026, is hereby dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.

30.04.2026

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE

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