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

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Decided on : 12.05.2026**

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. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Vishal Garg Narwana, Advocate,
Mr. Khushwant Saharan, Advocate and
Ms. Aashima Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG Haryana

Mr. Edward Augustine George, Advocate
for respondents No. 2 and 3

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present fourth petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking grant of regular bail, in case, FIR No.226 dated 03.05.2019, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Sonapat City, District Sonapat and charges were framed under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC.

2. First regular bail petition filed by the petitioner i.e. CRM-M-3382-2020 was dismissed on 31.01.2020 (Annexure P-4) by observing the submission that anticipatory bail petition of co-accused Rajesh Kumar i.e. CRM-M-55030-2019 was dismissed on 17.01.2020; and the fact that, petitioner is one of the Co-Managing Director and Joint Signatory in the bank account of Company.

Second bail petition i.e. CRM-M-15465-2021 was disposed of having

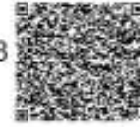
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been withdrawn at that stage i.e. on 30.07.2021 (Annexure P-5).

Third bail petition i.e. CRM-M-69664-2025 was also withdrawn by the petitioner on 22.12.2025 (Annexure P-6) by seeking permission to file a fresh one with complete and better particulars.

3. Allegations in the FIR, which was got registered by the complainant-Deepak Kumar reads as under:

“To, Respected Sir, Superintendent of Police, Sonipat, Subject: By making company Star Global Star for committing cheating 1. Doctor Gajanand Kaushik, 2. Rajesh Kumar Lora 3. Amit Sharma @ Atul 4. Utpreksha Neha, request for taking legal action against the persons who have grabbed crores of rupees in collusion with each other by cheating. Respected Sir, it is prayed that I Deepak Kumar son of Sh. Dayaram resident of Dev Nagar, Sonipat and I am a social person and do business. 4-5 months back, in 2018, Dr. Gajanand Kaushik convened a meeting at Sonipat at Sagar Hotel Atlas Road. Twice meeting was held at Murthal Road, Sonipat that he has one company namely Star Global Star. Which was situated in Delhi at Pritampura D-Mall 507-508. In which Doctor Gajanand Kaushik was M.D. and Rajesh Kumar Lora C.M.D. and Amit Sharma @Atul and Utpreksha @ Neha were ADMIN. All four of them together with other persons by making planning by playing with the emotions and by inducement, by committing cheating, grabbed away approximately more than Rs. 80 lakh from me and my family and friends. Doctor Gajanand Kaushik told about 3 works of Star Global company, firstly said that I plant trees- plants. 2. Do farming of flowers. 3. Do fish farming and said that the unemployed will not commit suicide whereas from these works they will get employment. As I am doctor, government gives me subsidy of 70%. I was told that there is contract with NAHI and Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Indian Government. And ten thousand crore plants are to be given to Government of India to be planted alongside the National Highways. Secondly I have taken a water lake in 4 kilometers at Nagpur, in which I do fish farming and have taken hundred acres of land in Hisar Sirsa, told that in 100 acre plan dragon food in Rajasthan. From which I get 15 time of profit. And told us that the person who will invest money in this work, he will get double in 6 months. By showing this dream, by lying, usurped about Rs. 80 lakh from me and my known. Is not even returning the money of known, makes fool everyday. We deposited money in 1 number in Star Global Star's account No. 10023610960, name of Bank IDFC Branch, Neta Ji Subhash Palace Pritampura, D-MALL, from

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our account. After that I came to know that all four of them by inducing the people and by telling lie, have usurped about Rs. 250 crores from thousands of people. Doctor Gajanand Kaushik had sent one letter to me on whatsapp that my partners have committed cheating with me, give me time of 6 months, I will return all the money. This letter was sent on 10.04.2019, I request you that strict legal action be taken against all four of them who by playing with my emotions have usurped approximately more than Rs. 80 lakh from myself and my family and friends. Thanking you. Applicant Deepak Kumar son of Sh Dayaram resident of Dev. Nagar, Sonipat M. No. 98130-31913.”

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, after dismissal of anticipatory bail petition of co-accused Rajesh Kumar, he was arrested and later was granted regular bail vide order dated 01.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-27086-2025 i.e. after remaining inside jail for a period of about 03 years, 09 months. Therefore, he submits that the petitioner has also remained inside jail for the period of last about 06 years and 06 months.

He further contends that petitioner is not named as an accused in the FIR and, he has been subsequently implicated as an accused during investigation. Petitioner is inside jail for a period of about 06 years and 06 months and as per status report dated 04.04.2026 filed by State out of total 46 prosecution witnesses, only 17 prosecution witnesses have been examined till date and 29 are yet to be produced before the Court for their deposition. Also, co-accused Rajesh Kumar has already been granted bail (as referred here above), after remaining inside jail for a period of 03 years and 09 months. Therefore, he submits that any longer incarceration of the petitioner would not serve is not serving any meaningful purpose or object. Thus, prays for grant of bail.

5. Learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer and submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioner submits that petitioner is found involved in



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grave offence of cheating innocent people and thereby succeeding in getting their amount(s), totaling hundreds of crores, deposited in the bank account of the Company. However, there is no denial that petitioner was a Co-Managing Director in the Company and was one of the signatories responsible for functioning of the activities of the Company. He further points out that there are three other FIRs against the petitioner, details of which is reads as under:

- 1. FIR No.273 dated 03.12.2019, Under Sections SONEPAT 406/420/120-B IPC, Police Station Economic Offence Wing, Delhi.*
- 2. FIR No.281 dated 23.09.2019, under Sections 406/420/120-B IPC, Police Station Bhupalpura, District Udaipur. (Under Trial).*
- 3. FIR No.167 dated 19.12.2019, under Sections 406/420/120-B IPC, Police Station Ali Bagh. District Raigarh, Maharashtra (Convict).*

Thus, prays for dismissal of the petition.

6. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties and has also perused the record available on file.

7. Considering the fact that the complainant was defrauded of a sum of Rs. 80 lakhs, notwithstanding that the allegations against all the accused involve usurping of the funds from thousands of individuals, allegations are yet to be proved. Furthermore, given the undisputed fact that petitioner has been in custody since 05.10.2019 and has not seen the light of day since that time, his continued detention is no longer deemed necessary. Therefore, prayer made in the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing heavy bail/two surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

8. Needless to observe that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and



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shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. Any of the discussion done and recorded here above, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.

10. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioner is directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

11. **Petition stands disposed of.**

May 12, 2026

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No