

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

CRM-M-23914-2025
Reserved on: 02.07.2025
Pronounced on: 23.07.2025

Ranjit Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Rakesh Dhiman, Advocate for the petitioners.
Ms. Pooja Nayar Sharma, D.A.G., Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
09	15.06.2023	Punjab State Crime Police Station SAS Nagar, District Crime Wing SAS Nagar, Mohali	406, 420, 120-B IPC

1. The petitioners incarcerated in the FIR captioned above had come up before this Court under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, [BNSS], seeking regular bail.

2. Petitioner No.1-Ranjit Singh is silent about his criminal antecedents. However, as per custody certificate of petitioner No.1 and as per paragraph 33 of the bail application and as per the custody certificate of petitioner No.2-Gagandeep Singh, they have the following criminal antecedents:

Sr. No.	FIR No.	Dated	Offenses	Police Station
Antecedents of Petitioner No.1-Ranjit Singh				
1.	20	19.02.2021	406, 420, 201, 34 IPC	Division No.7, Jalandhar
2.	21	06.03.2021	406, 420, 34 IPC	Navi Baradari
3.	37	17.04.2021	406, 420, 34 IPC	Division No.1, Jalandhar
4.	104	2021	406, 420, 120-B IPC	Kutubsher
5.	169	28.12.2021	406, 420 IPC	Bhogpur
6.	621	2020	138 of NI Act	-
Antecedents of Petitioner No.2-Gagandeep Singh				
1.	199	17.07.2020	406, 420, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, District Jalandhar
2.	104	25.03.2021	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Kutubser, District Saha- ranpur, Uttar Pradesh
3.	30	20.02.2021	406, 420, 34 IPC	Division No. 5, Jalandhar
4.	156	28.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
5.	343	31.08.2020	420, 406 IPC	Civil Line Jind, District Jind
6.	22	22.02.2021	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Bhargo Camp, Jalandhar

7.	29	19.02.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Basti Baba Khel Jal, District Jalandhar
8.	21	19.02.2021	420, 406, 201, 34 IPC	Division No. 7, District Jalandhar
9.	21	06.03.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Navi Baradani, District Jalandhar
10.	37	17.04.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Division No. 1, Jalandhar
11.	104	2021	406, 420, 120-B ipc	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
12.	142	19.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
13.	144	26.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
14.	145	20.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
15.	147	21.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
16.	148	22.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
17.	151	25.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
18.	153	26.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
19.	154	20.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
20.	155	27.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
21.	159	01.10.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
22.	160	21.10.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
23.	131	14.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
24.	138	18.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
25.	139	18.09.2023	420, 406, 120-B IPC	Division No. 7, Jalandhar
26.	141	19.09.2023	420, 120-B IPC	Canttl. Ferozepur, District Ferozepur
27.	77	14.04.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Division No. 8, Jalandhar
28.	78	14.04.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Division No. 8, Jalandhar
29.	79	14.04.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Division No. 8, Jalandhar
30.	80	14.04.2021	420, 406, 34 IPC	Division No. 8, Jalandhar
31.	29	2019	420, 406, 34 IPC	Rama Mandi, Division No. 8, Jalandhar

3. The facts and allegations are being taken from the status report dated 30.06.2025 filed by the State, which reads as follows:

“3. That the brief facts of the case are that an FIR No.9 dated 15.06.2023 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of IPC, PS State Crime, SAS Nagar was registered on the complaint No.310/P.A./Director/BOI dated 03.04.2023 made by Ramandeep Singh Dhami son of Gurmeet Singh Dhami resident of village Bains Khurd, PS Bulowal, District Hoshiarpur against Kanwardeep Singh Bhatia, Sharanjit Kaur, Ritu Sharma @ Rama Rani, Omkar Singh, Ranjit Singh and Gagandeep Singh for indulging in cheating of total amount of Rs.54,84,667/- by their company named as M/s OLS Whizz Private Limited, Jalandhar.

4. That the aforesaid complaint was inquired into by Inspector Kailash Bahadur the Station House Officer, PS Punjab State Crime, SAS Nagar, who submitted his report to the office of Director, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, Chandigarh. Upon approval of the said report by Director, BOI, Punjab, aforesaid case No.9/2023, PS State Crime was registered against the above said persons.”

4. Counsel for the petitioners submits that they would have no objection in case any stringent conditions this Court might put upon the petitioners and in case, petitioners repeat the offence, where the sentence prescribes 07 years or more, the State shall file an application for cancellation of bail. He further contends that further pre-trial incarceration would cause an irreversible injustice to the petitioners and their family.

5. The State's counsel opposes bail and refers to the reply.
6. It would be appropriate to refer to the following portions of the reply, which read as follows:

“(B) The evidence against the petitioner.

16. That the Bank Statements of M/s OLS WHIZZ Pvt. Ltd., Jalandhar, of which the petitioner/accused Ranjit Singh and co-accused Gagandeep Singh are the Directors as per information supplied by the Registrar of Companies, Chandigarh, have been obtained from the relevant banks, which clearly shows that money collected from the investors was deposited in the said accounts through the online mode and cash transactions. In addition to above, Wallets created by the company itself and receipts obtained by depositing money from the General Public has also been unearthed.

(C) The role of the petitioner.

17. That the petitioners are the Directors/owners of M/s OLS Whizz Private Limited, Jalandhar. He along with their co-accused used to deposit money in their company by telling his friends/relatives that their company should deposit 11 installments monthly and the 12th installment will be paid by the company itself. After completing the 12th installments the investors will be given money or gold equivalent to the amount. Apart from this, the petitioner also lured the people that as by telling them that more the number of members made by them will reap them more financial benefits. In which foreign tours or domestic goods will be given separately. The general public has been cheated of an amount of around Rs.52,03,067/- by taking them into their trust and giving them more money.”

REASONING:

7. There is sufficient prima facie evidence connecting the petitioner with the alleged crime. However, pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post-conviction sentencing. Per paragraph 20 of the bail petition, the petitioners have been in custody since 23.08.2023. As per the custody certificate dated 02.07.2025, total custody of petitioner No.1-Ranjit Singh is 01 year, 06 months and 16 days and petitioner No.2-Gagandeep Singh in this FIR is 01 year, 06 months and 17 days. Given the penal provisions invoked viz-a-viz pre-trial custody, coupled with the prima facie analysis of the nature of allegations, and the other factors peculiar to this case, there would be no justifiability for further pre-trial incarceration at this stage
8. Without commenting on the case's merits, in the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, and for the reasons mentioned above, the petitioners make a case for bail.
9. Given above, provided the petitioners are not required in any other case, the petitioners shall be released on bail in the FIR captioned above subject to furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Court and due to unavailability before any nearest Ilaqa Magistrate/duty Magistrate. Before accepting the surety, the concerned Court must be satisfied that if the accused fails to appear, such surety can produce the accused.

10. While furnishing a personal bond, the petitioners shall mention the following personal identification details:

1.	AADHAR number	
2.	Passport number (If available) and when the attesting officer/court considers it appropriate or considers the accused a flight risk.	
3.	Mobile number (If available)	
4.	E-Mail id (If available)	

11. This order is subject to the petitioner's complying with the following terms.

12. The petitioners shall abide by all statutory bond conditions and appear before the concerned Court(s) on all dates. The petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence, influence, browbeat, pressurize, induce, threaten, or promise, directly or indirectly, any witnesses, Police officials, or any other person acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case or dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Police or the Court.

13. **This bail is conditional, and the foundational condition is that if the petitioners indulge in any non-bailable offense, the State may file an application for cancellation of this bail before the Sessions Court, which shall be at liberty to cancel this bail.**

14. Any observation made hereinabove is neither an expression of opinion on the case's merits nor shall the trial Court advert to these comments.

15. A certified copy of this order would not be needed for furnishing bonds, and any Advocate for the Petitioners can download this order along with case status from the official web page of this Court and attest it to be a true copy. If the attesting officer wants to verify its authenticity, such an officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for attesting bonds.

16. **Petition allowed** in terms mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

23.07.2025
Jyoti-II

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No.