

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

CRM-M 10291 of 2015

Date of decision : 09.07.2015

Rajinder Singh

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

....Respondent

BEFORE : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Nandan Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Shilesh Gupta, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

RAJAN GUPTA J.

This is a petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner vide FIR No. 249 dated 20.08.2002 under Sections 406/420/466/467/468/471/120B IPC at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, district Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since 16.09.2014. According to counsel, petitioner is ready to furnish surety to the satisfaction of the trial court having been a proclaimed offender. Thus, no useful purpose would be served by detaining him in custody any longer.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail. According to him, petitioner remained absconding for almost two years and allegations are serious in nature.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

It is evident that petitioner is incarcerated since 16.09.2014. He has been denied bail by the court below on the ground that he remained a proclaimed offender. However, keeping

in view the fact that trial may still take some time to conclude, I am of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Sangrur. This, however, will be subject to heavy surety and/or any other condition(s) which the trial court may deem fit to impose in order to ensure that petitioner does not abscond from justice.

July 09, 2015

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(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE