

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

**Crl. Misc. No. M- 22033 of 2015
Date of Decision:-05.11.2015**

Surjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. J.S. Sarao, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sultan Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer made in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.33, dated 08.02.2011, for offence under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 477-A, 409 IPC(offence under Section 174-A IPC & Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was added later on), registered at Police Station, City Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot, during the pendency of the trial before the trial Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 29.01.2014 and even the alleged amount has already been deposited by the co-accused. He further submits that only allegation against the petitioner is that he has issued redemption certificate.

In compliance of the order dated 17.07.2015, learned counsel for the State has filed the status report on behalf of respondent-State in Court today, the same is taken on record. Learned State counsel, on instructions from, ASI-Balwant Singh, also submits that there are other cases pending against the

petitioner.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the petitioner also contends that so far as the fact that other cases pending against the petitioner is concerned, he has already been admitted on bail in those cases by respective Courts.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the case file.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 29.01.2014 and also the fact that offences in the FIR are triable by the Magistrate, I deem it appropriate that present petitioner is entitled for grant of regular bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Faridkot.

It is, however, also made clear that expression made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression on the merit of the case and the trial Court shall be at liberty to decide the case on the basis of available evidence.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

November 05, 2015
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