

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M-32105 of 2015
Date of decision: 28.09.2015

Gurnam Singh @ Gahma ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Anterpreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Shilesh Gupta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J.

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, Section 12 of Passport Act, 1967 and Section 7, 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 at Police Station City S.B.S. Nagar, District S.B.S. Nagar, vide FIR No.124 dated 25.08.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has been implicated falsely in the present case. Neither he has been named in the FIR nor forged any documents, thus, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer on the ground that allegations against the petitioner are serious. He submits that petitioner impersonated himself as Jasbir Singh for getting the passport prepared.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and given careful

thought to the facts of the case.

FIR was lodged on the complaint made by Harmanjit Singh Gill, Passport Officer, Jalandhar. Allegations against the petitioner are that he applied for issuance of passport by impersonating himself as Jasbir Singh son of Gurdial Singh, resident of village Saloh, District S.A.S. Nagar. In support of application for passport, he produced forged documents such as voter identity card purportedly issued by Election Commission of India. He also appended a forged ration card with the application. He appeared in Suwidha Center of Regional Passport Officer, Jalandhar impersonating himself as Jasbir Singh. Besides, he also appeared before the IGI Airport authorities, Custom and Intelligence Authorities and many other offices involved in departure of civilians from India to foreign countries. A person travelling on forged passport poses serious threat to the security of the country.

Keeping in view serious nature of the allegations, I am of the considered view that petitioner is not entitled to bail. The petition is devoid of merit and is hereby dismissed.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

28.09.2015
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