

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-35460 of 2015
Date of decision : 30.11.2015

Manbir Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. Gobind Rai Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 135 dated 13.07.2008 registered at Police Station City Moga under Sections 218, 420, 465, 467, 471, 120-B IPC and 12(B) of Passport Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was arrested when he returned from Hongkong after living there for 7-8 years. He states that matter is still under consideration though the FIR had been registered in 2008. He states that other accused have been allowed bail. He has placed five orders on record. Passport of the petitioner is stated to be in possession of the Investigating Officer.

Learned State counsel submits that the matter is getting delayed as some police officials were also involved and challan could not be filed as they are awaiting sanction. He states that 101 persons were arrested.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case

and considering the fact that name of the petitioner does not figure in the FIR, the co-accused have allowed bail and the trial will take time to conclude, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing adequate bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court. The petitioner will not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.

November 30, 2015

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**(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE**