

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

**CRM-M No.11737 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.05.2016**

Pritpal Singh @ Happy

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. A.P.S.Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by S.I. Parminder Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner/accused-Pritpal Singh @ Happy in case FIR No.03 dated 02.01.2015, under Sections 379, 420, 411, 467, 468, 471, 472, 473, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station B Division, Amritsar (**Annexure P-1**).

The allegations against the petitioner are that he in connivance with his co-accused i.e. *inter alia* officials of the District Transport Officer, Amritsar as also the police officials are involved in preparing of forged registration certificates of stolen vehicles and thereafter selling them to the unsuspecting customers.

It is contended that the petitioner has been falsely roped in because he happens to be the real brother of the alleged kingpin accused Amritpal Singh @ Amrit, working as a Clerk in the Office of District Transport Officer. It is further contended that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 12.10.2015 and after completion of the investigation, challan stands presented and evidence of the prosecution witnesses is yet to commence. It is further stated that the case is triable by a Magistrate. It is further contended that the aforesaid co-accused Amritpal Singh @ Amrit has been enlarged on regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 28.03.2016.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by SI Parminder Singh, does not refute the aforesaid factual situation.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period, parity of treatment, the case is triable by a Magistrate and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court finds that petitioner/accused deserves the concession of regular bail and as such he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

May 27, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**