

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

CRM-M No. 12074 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.04.2016

Randeep Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuldip Tiwari, Additional Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Sanjay Kumar.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of regular bail on behalf of the accused/petitioner-Randeep Kumar in case FIR No. 126, dated 02.02.2016, for offences punishable under Sections 170, 384, 420, 467, 468, 471, 511, Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Chandni Bagh, District Panipat.

As per the complainant-EASI Salinder Singh, the present accused posed himself as Head Constable, posted as Reader to DSP (Crime), Panipat and demanded money Rs. 25,000/- from the complainant. On suspicion, he was apprehended at the spot and the fake IDs and Duty Slip Card was recovered from him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a student of LLB final year and he is not involved in any other criminal activity. He has been falsely roped in the present case as the police suspected him to have filmed the police party demanding and

accepting bribes from the truck drivers of the highway. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 02.02.2016; challan stands presented with cited fifteen prosecution witnesses and the case is triable by a Magistrate.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Sanjay Kumar, does not refute the custody period of the petitioner as also the fact that challan stands presented with cited fifteen prosecution witnesses. He also states that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the facts noticed above; custody period of the petitioner; petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case and the fact that challan stands presented, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner/accused in custody since the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, the present petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail subject to satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

April 12, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**