

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

CRM-M No. 14826 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.05.2016

Aman alias Bagri

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr.Sushil Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Poswal , Assistant Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State assisted by SI Neeraj.

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 petitioner/accused-Aman alias Bagri in case FIR No. 329, dated 27.10.2014, for offences punishable under Sections 457, 380 of the Indian Penal Code (Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 201, 202, 216, 120-B, 467 of IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act added later on), registered at Police Station City Gohana, District Sonapat.

Complainant-Satish Kumar Goel was working as Senior Manager, Punjab National Bank, Gohana Branch and he reported that on 27.10.2014, the strong room of the bank had been breached and there were many lockers, which were found broken and theft of valuables committed.

The petitioner admittedly has a shop for sale of mobile and Sim Cards of *IDEA* service provider. The role of the petitioner has surfaced is that of arranging two fake IDs to be used against the sale of Sim Cards supplied by him to co-accused Rohit @ Joni, which were used

in committing the bank robbery. As per disclosure statement, he had due knowledge of the robbery and items to be supplied.

It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 06.11.2014 and almost thirty prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. It is further contended that said co-accused Rohit alias Joni has since been enlarged on bail by this Court vide order dated 15.02.2016.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by SI Neeraj, does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner, role attributed to the petitioner, the stage of trial, as also grant of bail to co-accused-Rohit alias Joni.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the facts noticed above; custody period of the petitioner, stage of trial and parity of treatment, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

May 09, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**