

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-16723 of 2016
Date of Decision:-12.07.2016

Harpreet Singh @ Raju

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA**

Present:- Mr.Paramjit Batta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer made in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 119, dated 12.05.2015, for offence punishable under Sections 420, 489A, 489 B, 489C, 489D and 489E of IPC, registered at Police Station, City Sangrur District-Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is third petition seeking regular bail, as earlier two petitions were dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 05.10.2015 and 20.01.2016, taking into consideration the less custody period of the petitioner. He further submits that the present petitioner has merely extended lift to the other co-accused without knowing the fact that the bag in the hands of his co-accused was containing fake currency notes and fake currency notes were recovered from other co-accused who are unknown to the petitioner. The petitioner is otherwise pursuing MA Part-II in Punjabi and the trial in the case is yet to began and only challan has been filed in the case. He also submits that on 02.05.2016, the father of the petitioner expired and he is required to take

care of his old mother and in case, the petitioner is not admitted on bail his academic carrier would spoil.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State submits that it is on the basis of secret information, raid was conducted and the petitioner along with other co-accused were arrested. The petitioner was driving the motorcycle,

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner has merely extended lift to the other co-accused, coupled with the fact that he is a young boy and pursuing his study as well as the fact that trial in the case will take sufficient long time to conclude, I deem it appropriate to allow the present petition for grant of regular bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner, namely, Harpreet Singh @ Raju, is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

It is, however, made clear that the petitioner would not leave the country without the prior permission of the Court and in case, he possess a passport, he will surrender the same before the trial Court.

It is also made clear that expression made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression on the merit of the case and the trial Court shall be at liberty to decide the case on the basis of available evidence.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

July 12, 2016
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