

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANAAT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-33895-2016 (O & M)

Date of Decision: 13.12.2016

Baljit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. M.S.Virdi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S.Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner, Baljit Singh has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.71 dated 06.05.2016, registered at Police Station Patti, District Tarn Taran, under Sections 420, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (for brevity, 'IPC') and Section 467 of IPC (added later on).

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that as per the allegation against the present petitioner, he opened a bank account by forging document and by impersonating himself as Jaspal Singh. He also got deposited an amount of

₹31,24,300/- on the basis of a cheque which was having forged signature

of S.D.M., Patti. As per learned State counsel, an amount of ₹23,59,000/- has already been recovered from the account of the petitioner and remaining amount has already been withdrawn by him.

The petitioner has been in custody since 13.05.2016. He is now not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of the case will take long time. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

13.12.2016
parveen kumar

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Note:	Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
	Whether reportable	:	No