

**228 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-9500-2016

Date of decision: 31st March, 2016

Harpreet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. A.D.S. Sukhija, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rimplejeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent/State, assisted by HC Jagir Singh.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the complainant.

JASWANT SINGH, J.(ORAL)

Prayer in the petition under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of regular bail on behalf of the accused-petitioner/Harpreet Singh in case FIR No.124 dated 11th June, 2015, for offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

The complainant-Gursewak Singh alleges that the petitioner-accused/Harpreet Singh in connivance with his co-accused wife-Sukhdeep Kaur have forged a sale deed already executed in favour of the mother of the accused, by incorporating his name so as to secure an arms license from the District Administration, by showing that he owns land and property.

It is contended that the mother of the accused, namely, Harjinder Kaur has never raised any objection in that regard. It is further contended that no arms license was granted and, therefore, at best an effort made has remained unsuccessful. Further, it is submitted that petitioner is in custody since 24.02. 2016 and investigation qua him is over. It is also stated that the case is triable by a Magistrate.

Learned State counsel assisted by HC Jagir Singh does not refute the custody period and the fact that investigation qua the petitioner is over.

Learned counsel for the complainant has very vehemently opposed the grant of bail lest the petitioner again commits the offence.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the facts noticed above; custody period of the petitioner, the fact that investigation are over and the trial is not likely to conclude in the near future, no useful purpose would be served to keep the petitioner in custody any longer. Accordingly, petition is allowed and it is ordered that petitioner-Harpreet Singh be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

March 31, 2016
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