

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

**CRM-M-24060-2017
Decided on: 14.07.2017**

Sandeep Kumar	Versus	 Petitioner
State of Punjab		 Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. AG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J (ORAL)

It is contended on behalf of the petitioner that investigation is already complete. The statement of his bank accounts as mentioned in the original FIR are also placed before the Court to show that no money, as alleged, was ever deposited in his account. As such, bail is prayed for on the ground that he is in detention since 31.12.2016 (i.e. from the last six and a half months). The same is opposed on behalf of the State, firstly, for the reason that recovery of vital documents, including fake passports/visas, was effected from the petitioner and secondly, the co-accused named and charge sheeted, namely, Shiv Pal, is absconding.

In the opinion of this Court, inability of the authorities to apprehend the absconding co-accused cannot be a ground to indefinitely detain the present petitioner against whom investigation is already complete.

The petitioner is, therefore, directed to be released on bail, subject to imposition of appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of Ld. Area/Trial Magistrate, Jalandhar.

**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

14.07.2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No