

211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
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CRM-M-14937-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision:07.09.2018

Rashpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present: Mr. Gaagan Pradeep Singh Bal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No. 81 dated 20.05.2016 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of IPC and Sections 465, 466, 467, 468, 471 of IPC added later on, registered at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 25.03.2017. The offences are triable by the Magistrate. During long incarceration of the petitioner, only one witness has been examined so far, out of total 25 witnesses cited by the prosecution. The trial is likely to take long time.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, being instructed by ASI Tarlochan Singh, is not able to dispute the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 25.03.2017.

In view of the above submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, but without commenting any further on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on

bail pending trial subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes / No
Whether reportable	Yes / No