

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CRM-M-15644-2018

Date of decision:24.04.2018

JASBIR SINGH

...PETITIONER

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 02 dated 04.01.2014 under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Sections 193, 196, 199, 200 IPC (added later on) registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar.

It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that as per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner is said to be a person who has, in connivance with the co-accused, prepared a forged compromise, which was made the basis for filing a petition in this Court for quashing of FIR No. 24 dated 15.02.2010. Counsel contends that the petitioner is neither a beneficiary nor was he named in FIR No. 24 dated 15.02.2010. Petitioner was arrested on 14.09.2017 and none of the witnesses out of 21 witnesses, so cited, have been examined till date although charge has been

framed. His submission is that the trial is not likely to conclude in near future and, therefore, the petitioner be granted the concession of regular bail.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Chander Mohan, P.S. Civil Lines, Amritsar, could not dispute the factual assertions, as have been made by the counsel for the petitioner. However, he states that the petitioner has signed the forged compromise as a witness and, therefore, he should not be granted the concession of bail.

Having considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties and keeping in view the fact that it is a magisterial trial with none of the witnesses examined till date, further continuation of the petitioner in custody would not serve any purpose, with the trial not likely to conclude in near future.

The present application is allowed. Petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

April 24, 2018
pj

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No