

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

CRL. MISC. No.M-19920 OF 2018
DATE OF DECISION : 18th MAY, 2018

Sachin Khokhar

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. B. CHAUDHARI

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Present : Mr. Dinesh Nagar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H. S. Sullar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this second petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in FIR No.41 dated 09.04.2015 registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC (Section 419 IPC, Section 12 of Passport Act and Sections 7, 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, were added later on) at Police Station City, SBS Nagar, District SBS Nagar.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

The offence alleged against the petitioner is in relation to the forgery of government documents. The trial is being held before Special Court since other public servants are also involved in this case. The petitioner is in custody since 11.05.2015.

Learned State counsel submits that only one witness has been examined. There is likelihood of trial not being held expeditiously looking to the fact that for the last two and half years there is hardly any progress in the trial except examination of one prosecution witness.

Looking to the nature of offence committed by the petitioner namely that he had forged driving licences by pasting his photograph and further looking to the fact that the co-accused has been released on regular bail by this Court and the evidence tendered against him namely documents and the official witnesses, I think no serious prejudice would be caused to the prosecution if the petitioner is released on regular bail, looking to his period of detention.

In that view of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, I make the following order:

ORDER

- (i) CRL. MISC. No.M-19920 OF 2018 is allowed.
- (ii) The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate.
- (iii) The petitioner to surrender his passport with the trial Court, if he possesses the same.
- (iv) The petitioner shall report to the police station concerned on every Sunday between 11.00am to 4.00pm in addition to appearing before the trial Court on the dates fixed there.
- (v) The police shall keep surveillance on him.
- (vi) In case of violation of the above condition on the part of the petitioner, the liberty is reserved in favour of the State to apply for cancellation of bail.

18TH MAY, 2018
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(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>