

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CRM-M-21768-2018

Date of decision:25.05.2018

Gurmeet Singh

...PETITIONER

Vs.

State of Punjab

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Akshay Sandhir, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this application is for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 376/2017 dated 24.12.2017 registered under Sections 489-A/489-B/489-C and 489-D IPC at Police Station 'A' Division, Amritsar.

It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was arrested on 25.12.2017 and is in custody since then. Although the challan has been presented but till date, no witness has been examined out of the 11 cited witnesses. He further contends that except for the present case, there is no other case registered against the petitioner and that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. His submission is that the co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Sandeep Kumar has been granted the concession of regular bail on 01.05.2018 in CRM-M-7567 of 2018. Counsel contends that the petitioner be granted the same benefit.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from HC Manohar Lal,

Division 'A', Amritsar, could not dispute the said assertions of the counsel for the petitioner. He, however, states that the petitioner be not granted the concession of regular bail as recovery of 38 fake currency notes of ₹100/- along with a printer, scanner and 70 white pages has been effected from him.

Having considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 25.12.2017 and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future as no witness has been examined till date and the co-accused of the petitioner, who was similarly placed, has been granted the benefit of bail, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Any observations made herein above shall have no bearing on the merits of the case in any manner.

May 25, 2018

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No