

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

**CRM-M No. 3909 of 2019
Date of Decision:-25.07.2019**

Pala Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)

Petitioner Pala Singh has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.77 dated 25.8.2016, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa. The petitioner is in custody since the date of arrest on 10.9.2018.

As per prosecution case, one Gurjeet Singh son of Nirranjan Singh along with co-borrower Nirranjan Singh son of Hari Singh and guarantor Malkeet Singh son of Gora Singh all residents of Village Khunan, Tehsil Ratia, District Fatehabad availed a loan from the HDFC Bank Branch at Sardulgarh to the tune of ₹54 lacs on the basis of forged and

fabricated revenue record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he is in custody since 10.9.2018 and after investigation, report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been submitted and now the case is fixed for consideration of charges; thus, the trial will take long time to conclude. He further contends that the petitioner is not beneficiary rather he was merely working in a photostat shop at the Court premises.

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Rashpal has acknowledged the above factum of investigation, but opposed the prayer for grant of bail on the ground that petitioner is also a co-accused in forging and fabricating the documents in order to facilitate loan from the Bank.

Considering the above and the fact that the offences are triable by Magistrate as well as the fact that the trial is likely to consume some time, further detention of the petitioner may not be justified, therefore, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing the requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition is allowed.

July 25, 2019
Vijay Asija

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No