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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22882-2019
Date of decision-27.08.2019

Jatinder Sadhu

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Eklavya Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana assisted by
ASI Krishan Gopal.

Mr. Rohit Chandel, Advocate for the complainant.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Jatinder Sadhu has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.352 dated 17.08.2016 registered under Sections 408, 420, 467, 468 and 201 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station DLF, Phase-II, Gurugram. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 01.11.2018.

The FIR was registered with the allegations that the petitioner during the course of his employment committed cheating, forgery and misappropriation of crores of rupees by forging purchase orders for buying gift coupons on behalf of the complainant-company.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was arrested on 01.11.2018 and the investigation of the case is complete as the final report stands submitted on 18.01.2019. It is pointed out that the charges were framed on 08.02.2019. However, the concession of bail has

been declined by the trial Court on the ground that the petitioner was declared a proclaimed offender on 05.10.2018. He submits that there are 21 witnesses who are to be examined and it is likely to consume considerable time.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Krishan Gopal and learned counsel for the complainant opposed the bail application on the ground that the present petitioner was proclaimed offender. However, it is not disputed that only seven witnesses have been examined and the petitioner is in custody for the last ten months and the offences are triable by Magistrate.

Considering the above background and the fact that the trial of the case is likely to consume more time, this Court does not find any valid reason to detain the petitioner any further in custody. 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 requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Gurugram.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

27.08.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No