

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-22897-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-29.5.2019

Pala Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Himmat Singh Deol, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in a case registered against him vide FIR No.76 dated 25.8.2016, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 471 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa.

The allegations, in nutshell, are that one Gurmeet Singh had raised a loan of ₹62.70 lacs from HDFC Bank allegedly on the basis of forged documents.

The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, who is running a photostat machine, had helped the accused Gurmeet Singh in preparing forged documents on the basis of which the loan was raised.

It is not disputed that the main accused Gurmeet Singh and Chandan Madaan, Manager of the Bank, have already been granted bail and

that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last more than seven months. It has been informed that although challan has been presented but till date charges have not been framed.

Having regard to the aforestated position especially that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last more than seven months and that the conclusion of trial is likely to consume some time, in my opinion, no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner Pala Singh is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition stands accepted accordingly.

29.5.2019

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No