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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-24309-2019

Date of decision-06.09.2019

Jaswant Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Piyush Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab assisted by
ASI Ashwani.

Mr. Kulbhushan Soi, Advocate for the complainant.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Jaswant Singh has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.254 dated 20.11.2018 registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar, District Ferozepur. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 06.02.2019.

The above said FIR relates to the alleged offence of cheating which was lodged on the basis of statement given by Jagir Singh who had entered into an agreement to sell with Karnail Singh (co-accused) on 10.04.2016. The said deal between the parties was facilitated through another co-accused, namely, Balwinder Singh son of Karnail Singh. Pursuant to the said deal, a sum of Rs.84 lacs in all was allegedly paid by complainant and out of it Rs.32 lacs went to the account of Karnail Singh

and rest of the amount was given to other co-accused persons. On these broad allegation, the above FIR was registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was indicted in the present FIR on the ground that he had prepared a false identification document i.e.Aadhar Card allegedly belonging to Karnail Singh. According to him, the investigation is complete and his further custody may not be justified.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Ashwani and learned counsel appearing on behalf of complainant opposed the bail application. It is further apprised by learned State counsel that challan against the petitioner was filed on 03.05.2019 and till date charges have not been framed.

Considering the above background, custody period of the petitioner who is in custody since his arrest on 06.02.2019 and the fact that the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable 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, Ferozepur.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

06.09.2019

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