

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

CRM-M-24665-2019
Date of decision: 16.07.2019

Pala Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. H. S. Deol, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 91 dated 14.10.2017, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC at Police Station City-I Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered on the complaint given by the Manager of Axis Bank, co-accused Tarsem Singh along with Amarjit Singh has availed a loan of Rs. 50 Lakh from the said bank on the basis of the fake and fabricated documents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and he was just running a Photostat shop outside the Tehsil premises and only allegations against the petitioner is that he has helped the accused persons in preparing the forged documents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that petitioner is in judicial custody since 26.09.2018; challan stands presented

and the offences are triable by the Court of a Magistrate.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that beneficiary of the loan, i.e. co-accused Tarsem Singh, has already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 26.10.2018 passed in CRM-M-11292-2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that even another co-accused namely Pala Singh has been granted concession of regular bail by this Court, noticing the fact that beneficiaries/guarantor/bank officials have already been granted bail, vide order dated 07.05.2019 passed in CRM-M-5725-2019.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, submits that petitioner is involved in one more similar FIR, however, he could not dispute the fact that co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 26.09.2018; co-accused have already been granted concession of regular bail as noticed above and also in view of the fact that conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

16.07.2019

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*