

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

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CRM-M-26066-2019(O&M)

Date of decision :10.07.2019

Kishori Lal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Manvir Singh, Advocate with
Mr.N.S.Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL):

Petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.244 dated 23.10.2017 under Sections 420/464/465/467/468/470/471/472/473/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arrested on 22.02.2019 and is in custody since then. He further submits that the investigation has been completed and the challan has been presented. He further submits that the other co-accused have already been granted the concession of regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that the petitioner initially had joined the investigation, pursuant to the directions issued by this Court. However, later on, his application for anticipatory bail was dismissed on 03.05.2018. He once again filed application for anticipatory bail which was disposed of with the following directions on 11.07.2018:

“ *The petitioner is directed to surrender/appear*

before the concerned Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court on or before 18.07.2018 and move an application for grant of regular bail. On his doing so and moving such an application, the Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court shall decide the same within three days and grant him regular bail subject to its satisfaction.”

He further submits that in spite of the concession granted, the petitioner did not surrender and therefore was declared as proclaimed offender.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the offences are triable by the Magistrate and the petitioner is in custody since 22.02.2019, therefore the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

10.07.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable-

Yes/No.
Yes/No