

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

**CRM-M No. 28371 of 2019
Date of Decision:-25.07.2019**

Surender Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Ms. Loveleen Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)

Petitioner Surender Singh has filed this fourth petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.265 dated 12.4.2017, under Sections 406, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 472, 199 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station civil Lines Karnal, District Karnal. The petitioner is in custody since the date of arrest on 27.1.2018.

The FIR was registered on the basis of complaint moved by the Branch Manager, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, Karnal with the allegations that on 15.7.2015 accused had obtained a loan of Rs.16,00,000/- from the bank but on verification it was found that the revenue documents, residence proof, driving licence and other documents produced by the accused being loanee were false and forged as per reports made by the concerned competent authorities. During investigation it was revealed that accused Surender Singh by hatching up a

criminal conspiracy with other accused Gurjant Singh and Resham Singh got prepared the forged documents and obtained the loan by impersonating Raghbir Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been indicted in the case on the basis of disclosure statement of one Kulwant Singh, under whom the petitioner was working as agricultural labourer. She further submits that after completion of investigation, challan was also filed and out of total 21 prosecution witnesses, seven witnesses have been examined. The petitioner is in custody since 27.1.2018 She further contends that the trial will take some considerable time.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Ram Asre has opposed the prayer. However, he does not dispute the fact that out of total 21 prosecution witnesses, only 07 witnesses have been examined so far.

Considering the above and the custody of the petitioner as well as the fact that trial will take considerable time in conclusion, 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.

The petition is allowed.

July 25, 2019
Vijay Asija

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No