

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

CRM-M-34904 of 2019
Date of Decision: 01.10.2019

Baljinder Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. P.K. S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking bail pending trial in case FIR No. 104 dated 07.06.2012, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 18.08.2018 and supplementary challan against the petitioner has already been presented on 30.09.2019 and charges are yet to be framed in this case. Also contends that there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel has acknowledged the above factual position on instructions from Head Constable Jagdeep.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the

paper book.

Concededly, the petitioner is in custody since 18.08.2018, supplementary challan was presented against the petitioner on 30.09.2019 and charges are yet to be framed in this case. There are total 17 prosecution witnesses, but none has been examined till date. Since the trial is likely to take a long time to be concluded and as such no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars any more.

In view of the abovesaid circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. Petitioner-Baljinder Singh be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, it is made clear that above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merit of the case pending before learned trial Court.

[MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU]
JUDGE

October 01, 2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable?

Yes/no
Yes/no