

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

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CRM-M-44987-2018(O&M)

Date of decision : 14.05.2019

Jasmer Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

UT of Chandigarh

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Partap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Dutt, APP for UT, Chandigarh.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the petition is to grant regular bail in FIR No.147 dated 11.07.2018 under Sections 420/467/468/471/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station North, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is in custody since 20.07.2018 and he is not involved in any other case. He further submits that the case is triable by the learned Magistrate, investigation is complete, challan has been presented, charges have been framed and trial of the case is likely to take time.

Learned counsel for the UT Chandigarh has submitted that the trial has started and the prosecution has already recorded statements of 2 witnesses out of 15.

A bare look at the zimni orders which have been produced, it is apparent that the case was fixed for prosecution evidence on 28.11.2018 and thereafter the case has been repeatedly adjourned and only two witnesses as submitted by learned counsel for UT, Chandigarh have been examined out of 15. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 20.07.2018 and the trial of the case is likely to take a long time, the petitioners are directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing of adequate surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial court.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

May 14, 2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No