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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No.22648 of 2020 IN/AND
CRM-M No.1906 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.09.2020

Sukhpal Singh @ Chilli

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

CRM No.22648 of 2020

Prayer in this application is for preponing the date fixed in the main petition.

Heard.

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and the date fixed in the main petition is preponed for today.

CRM-M No.1906 of 2020 (O&M)

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations in the FIR are for committing the offence by preparing fake documents for the purpose of furnishing bail bonds in the Court. It is further submitted that 04 of the co-accused of the petitioner namely Manoj Kumar, Amarjit Singh, Vishal Singh and Veneet Kumar, have already been granted the concession of regular bail. It is also submitted that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 11 months and out of 22 prosecution witnesses only 02 PWs have been examined so far.

CASE HEARD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

Counsel for the State has not disputed the factual position but opposed the prayer for bail.

I have heard the counsel for the parties and perused the orders granting bail to the co-accused of the petitioner.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 11 months; out of 22 prosecution witnesses only 02 PWs have been examined; the co-accused of the petitioner has already been granted the concession of bail and the conclusion of the trial will take long time, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail of the petitioner, in case he is found involved in any other case or misusing the concession of bail, in any manner.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

21.09.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No