

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-7438-2019

Date of Decision: 07.02.2020

Rajinder @ Raju

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present: - Mr. MS Jandiala, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, APP for UT, Chandigarh.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner-
Rajinder @ Raju, has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 155
dated 12.05.2018, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and
120-B IPC at Police Station Sector-17, Chandigarh.

According to prosecution, the petitioner by printing fake
cheques of complainant-Company and forging signatures of its
authorized person, committed cheating, fraud and forgery for around
₹4,45,330/-.

Learned counsel *inter alia* contends that all the co-accused
of petitioner, three in number, have been enlarged on bail. Petitioner is in
custody since 16.05.2018. Conclusion of trial may take a long time,
inasmuch as, as on date only one witness has been examined by the
prosecution. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in jail.

Nothing has to be recovered from him. He is the first offender.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner submitting that petitioner is the main accused.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner-Rajinder @ Raju, is ordered to be released on bail pending trial, if, not required in any other case, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

February 07, 2020

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**(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No