

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

**CRM-M-12518 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.05.2020**

Rohit

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Ajay Ghangas, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via WhatsApp facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.67 dated 19.02.2016 under Sections 395, 397 IPC and 25-54-59 of Arms Act 1959, registered at Police Station Sadar, Panipat, District Panipat.

An advance copy of the petition also stood served to State of Haryana. Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, learned DAG, Haryana, has joined the proceedings and states that his instructions in the matter are complete.

As such petition has been taken up for disposal today itself. FIR came to be registered in relation to an occurrence that took place on 19.02.2016 when a robbery took place at the HDFC Bank, Panipat and a sum of Rs.14,00,000/- approximately was looted. Complaint was lodged at the hands of the cashier of the Bank. FIR was lodged against unnamed assailants.

During the course of arguments it has gone uncontroverted that the present petitioner has been implicated on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused. Petitioner was arrested on 26.05.2017.

Investigation having been completed, challan was presented and even charges have been framed. Out of 34 prosecution witnesses cited, 9 including the complainant i.e. cashier of the Bank have already been examined.

The trial would take time to conclude.

Co-accused Baru @ Satish @ Kala and Sanjay @ Boora have been granted bail.

Petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of almost three years.

In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner namely Rohit be enlarged on bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Panipat.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

May 19, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No