

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

CRM-M-16176 of 2020

DATE OF DECISION : 09.07.2020

Deepak

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. R. S. Dhull, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, DAG, Haryana.

(Presence marked through video conference)

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.61 dated 03.07.2019 under Sections 420/467/468/471/120-B IPC registered at Police Station Bapoli, District Panipat.

2. As per allegations in the FIR, a written complaint was made by one Ajay deposing therein that he had applied for the post of Conductor in Haryana Roadways. He received a letter whereby he was directed to get his Aadhar Card and Driving License verified online by calling on mobile number '9773563094'. When he called on that number, he was informed that his documents were received late in office and his work can be done by depositing Rs.1,00,000/- in FINO bank account No. 20025644436. He deposited the said amount in the above said account. Later on when he contacted Roadways Office at Panchkula, he came to know that the appointment letter issued to him was forged and fabricated. He further deposed in his complaint that he received phone calls from two other mobile numbers where demand of another amount

of Rs.24,500/- was made. On the basis of said statement, FIR in question was registered.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner was not named in the FIR and he was arrested on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused Abhinay @ Abhi. The petitioner is in custody since 29.07.2019. The investigation is complete and challan has already been filed.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, DAG, Haryana, who has joined the proceedings on service of advance copy of the petition, appears and accepts notice on behalf of State of Haryana and submits that investigation is over as challan has been filed.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, as well as learned State counsel, this Court is of the view that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars since investigation is already over and challan has already been filed. The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 29.07.2019. The trial is not likely to commence or conclude any time soon on account of current pandemic conditions.

7. In the premise, the instant petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

8. Disposed of.

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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No