

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

CRM-M-16982 of 2020.

Decided on:- July 16, 2020.

Jobanpreet Singh @ Lovepreet Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Mr. Vishal Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.P. Ratra, D.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.29 dated 22.03.2020 under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D, 489-E and 420 of IPC as well as Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Nandgarh, District Bathinda.

The aforesaid FIR was registered on the basis of secret information received by the police to the effect that accused Rajdeep Singh was indulged in selling intoxicant tablets and counterfeit currency. When raid was conducted at his shop, he was apprehended and found in possession of 40

tablets of Alprasafe 0.5 without any permit or licence along with counterfeit currency notes of denomination of Rs.2000/- and Rs.500/- total amounting to Rs.11,700/-. When accused Rajdeep was questioned, he disclosed the name of other co-accused Varinder Singh. From the possession of accused Varinder Singh, fake currency notes of Rs.2,70,000/- were recovered. Similarly, accused Varinder Singh further nominated petitioner Jobanpreet Singh @ Lovepreet Singh and another co-accused Lakhvir Singh vide Rapat No.24 dated 02.04.2020. In this manner, Varinder Singh used to have currency notes from the petitioner and other co-accused. The petitioner was arrested which led to recovery of Rs.2,00,000/- fake currency notes, whereas recovery of fake currency notes of Rs.1,50,000/- was effected from accused Lakhvir Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has falsely been implicated and there is nothing on record to show his involvement in the case. The name of petitioner does not figure in the FIR and it is at a later stage, he was falsely nominated in the case. Since he has enmity with accused Varinder Singh, he has falsely been implicated in the case. The petitioner is critically ill and needs immediate medical aid.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the orders dated 30.09.2019 and 06.03.2020 passed by this Court in *CRM-M-28083 of 2019* titled as *Nafe Singh Versus State of Haryana* and *CRM-M-5027 of 2020* titled as *Rohit @ Raman Versus State of Haryana*.

Learned State counsel has argued that serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioner as he has been found in possession of

counterfeit currency notes amounting to Rs.2,00,000/-, which is against the interest of the country and, therefore, he is not entitled for bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In the case of **Rohit @ Raman (supra)**, there was a recovery of fake currency notes of Rs.1,20,000/- from the accused, whereas in **Nafe Singh's case (supra)**, though counterfeit currency notes of Rs.3 lakh of denomination of Rs.2,000/- each were recovered from the accused, but three prosecution witnesses i.e. PW2, PW3 and PW4, who were material witnesses, had not supported the case of the prosecution, the accused was released on bail. However, in the case in hand, counterfeit currency of Rs.2,00,000/- was recovered from the petitioner. Thus, the offence against the petitioner being serious, this Court does not find any reason to admit him on bail.

The present petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

The observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case without being influenced with these observations in any manner.

July 16, 2020
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No