

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21421-2020

Date of Decision:30.09.2020

Naveen

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Sunil K. Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

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.0170 dated 19.02.2018 under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sector-7, Faridabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is in custody since 15.03.2018. Co-accused Mahender Sharma has been granted regular bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court, Faridabad, vide order dated 23.06.2020. He submits that in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation, trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future.

Learned State Counsel does not dispute the custody period and

the fact that co-accused Mahender Sharma has been granted regular bail vide order dated 23.06.2020 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Petitioner is in custody since 15.03.2018. Co-accused Mahender Sharma was initially admitted on regular bail vide order dated 08.06.2018 passed in **CRM-M-25002-2018 (Mehender Sharma Versus State of Haryana)**. Thereafter, he was declared proclaimed offender and was arrested and subsequently, learned Additional Sessions Judge vide order dated 23.06.2020 has admitted him on regular bail. The allegation against the petitioner is that he has impersonated himself as vendor Satya Narayan Mangla and his house was transferred in the name of Mahender Sharma. Mahender Sharma is already on regular bail. Considering the long custody of the petitioner and the fact that in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation, trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future, this Court deems it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

The observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed with the trial independently without being influenced by the order of bail passed by this Court.

September 30, 2020
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No