

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-26341 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.11.2020

Piara Singh

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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

Present:- Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbir Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. P.S. Dhanju, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

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

Criminal Misc. No.26606 of 2020:

The application is allowed, as prayed. Annexures P-3 and P-4 are taken on record.

Criminal Misc. No.M-26341 of 2020:

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0111 dated 13.10.2018 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Mamdot, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the allegation against the petitioner is that he along with other co-accused has

collected a sum of Rs.13 lac from the complainant by impersonating as Wazir Singh. The petitioner is in custody since 01.07.2020 and trial is not proceeding in the case. There is no other case registered against the petitioner. Challan has been presented, though charges are yet to be framed in the case.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the custody of the petitioner and the stage of the trial.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that he along with Wazir Singh has entered into an agreement to sell dated 07.09.2017 by way of impersonation.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 01.07.2020 and trial in the case is not likely to be concluded in near future due to Covid-19 pandemic, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

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

However, it is made clear that the observations made hereinabove shall not construe as expression of any opinion on the merits of the case.

November 25, 2020
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?

Yes / No

Whether reportable?

Yes / No