

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

(1) CRM-M-27134-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.11.2020

Bhupinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

(2) CRM-M-28864-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.11.2020

Tajinder Singh @ Bawa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. Ajay Arora, Advocate for the petitioner
in CRM-M-27134-2020.

Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate for the petitioner
in CRM-M-28864-2020.

Mr. R.S. Thind, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

By this order, the aforementioned petitions are decided being
arising out of the same FIR. Petition No.CRM-M-27134-2020 filed by
petitioner Bhupinder Singh and petition CRM-M No.28864-2020 filed

by Tajinder Singh @ Bawa, both of them being accused in FIR No.97 dated 29.05.2020, for offences under Sections 489A, 489B, 489C, 489D and 489E IPC, registered with Police Station Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

Briefly stated facts of the case as per prosecution version are that, FIR in question was registered on receipt of secret information that Bhupinder Singh son of Rachpal Singh, R/o Tajpur Road, Ludhiana (present petitioner), Gurdev Singh son of Karnail Singh, R/o Bhamian Khurd, Ludhiana, Amar Singh S/o Nahar Singh, R/o Village Kakowal, Ludhiana and Tejinder Singh @ Bawa son of Avtar Singh, R/o Village Kakka, Ludhiana (present petitioner) were running a racket of printing fake Indian currency notes, using computer equipment and such notes were being circulated in the market, adversely affecting the economy of the country and that on 29.05.2020, they were roaming around in the area of Raho Road, Janta Colony as well as New Kuldeep Nagar for circulation of the fake currency notes prepared by them. On receipt of such information, formal FIR was registered. Bhupinder Singh and Amar Singh were arrested in this case. They were interrogated, during the course of which, they suffered disclosure statements, in pursuance of which, they got recovered printer scanner and other material used for preparing fake currency notes as well as such currency notes placed in a room taken on rent at Tajpur Road, Mohalla Guru Nanak Nagar, Ludhiana, where the other two accused, namely, Tajinder Singh @ Bawa and Gurdev Singh were printing those fake notes. They were accordingly arrested. After completion of investigation, the accused have been

challaned and the matter is pending trial in the Court.

The accused had moved applications for grant of regular bail before the Court of Sessions at Ludhiana. Such petitions were assigned to Addl. Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, who, however, dismissed the same. Feeling aggrieved, they have knocked at the door of this Court, craving for grant of similar relief, which request is being opposed by learned State counsel.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties besides going through the record and I find that no case for grant of regular bail to the petitioners is made out. The allegations against the petitioners are very grave and serious of printing fake Indian currency notes and then circulating them in the market, so that, they may be taken and used as genuine currency notes. By indulging in such acts, the accused have hit the economy of our country adversely. Such type of acts cannot be viewed in a light and casual manner but deserve to be dealt with all the seriousness and firmness. If such type of criminals are let off on bail, treating the offences in a non-serious manner, that would indirectly encourage the printing of fake Indian currency notes and if such type of currency notes come in circulation in a considerable number, that may play havoc with the economy of the country, which is against national interest.

The State counsel has submitted that there is every likelihood of petitioners indulging in printing fake Indian currency notes and putting those in circulation in the market, causing great loss to the economy, if they are granted concession of bail and allowed to come out of custody

and further, there is likelihood of their absconding even. Such apprehensions expressed by learned State counsel cannot be brushed aside lightly and require due attention and seriousness.

Thus, keeping in view the gravity of allegations against the petitioners and the likelihood of their indulging in similar crime again and even of their absconding if released on bail, no ground for grant of regular bail to the petitioners is made out. The petitions being without merit stand dismissed.

Anything said herein above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

19.11.2020
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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No