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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-27958 of 2020
Date of Decision: September 22, 2020

Girish Sharma

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

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

Mr. Munish Sharma, AAG Haryana

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Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 1328 dated 28.12.2017 registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC (Sections 409, 467, 468, 471 IPC added later on) at Police Station Panipat City, District Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 29.02.2020. The charges have not yet been framed, thus, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. Meanwhile, the petitioner has reached an amicable settlement with the complainant and has filed a petition for quashing of the FIR on the basis of compromise. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Learned State counsel concedes the submissions made regarding status of the trial as well as the custody period.

In view of the above, it is evident that the petitioner has been in custody for almost seven months. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. Moreover, the parties have reached an amicable settlement and, thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody.

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Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

September 22, 2020 **[SUDHIR MITTAL]**
reena **JUDGE**

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

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