

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-29918 of 2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: 15.12.2020

Rahul @ Rahul Panchal

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent(s)

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

Present:- Mr. D.S. Adlakha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, 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 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.321 dated 30.05.2020 under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 201 IPC registered at Police Station City Yamuna Nagar, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is merely a Sales Manager appointed by Neeraj Kumar, proprietor of M/s Ashish Enterprises and thus, he has acted only behalf of accused Neeraj Kumar, being an employee. Even otherwise, the matter has

been compromised between the complainant and accused Vikas, the partner of Raj Balaji Papers. The petitioner is in custody since 25.07.2020.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the custody of the petitioner. However, he has submitted that it has been found during investigation that the petitioner has taken an amount of Rs.5 lac from accused no.3.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 25.07.2020 and his culpability would be established only during trial 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.

December 15, 2020
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?

Yes / No

Whether reportable?

Yes / No