

Sr.No.211-A

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

CRM-M-30132 of 2020

Date of decision:27.11.2020

Sodhi Ram @ Sodhi

... Petitioner(s)

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent (s)

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jaspurpreet Singh Puri

Present: Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Through Video Conference

Jaspurpreet Singh Puri, J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C seeking regular bail in FIR No.0222, dated 19.08.2020 registered under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D, 34 IPC at Police Station City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per the FIR the police party had recovered various fake currency notes of various denominations from different persons which have been named in the FIR. The petitioner was not named in the FIR but his name was nominated later on, on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused namely, Harjinder Bharti.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was not involved in the present case that it was only on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused that his name has been nominated where he has nothing to do with the alleged fake currency notes. He has further submitted that during the

investigation by the police it has been found that there was no recovery from the petitioner and petitioner was not involved in any activity pertaining to the manufacturing/printing of the currency notes and therefore, challan has been presented in that regard also.

Per contra on the other hand, learned State counsel has submitted that it is correct that the name of the petitioner does not appear in the FIR but he was nominated on the basis of disclosure statement of Harjinder Bharti and it is also correct that no recovery was made from the petitioner. He has further submitted that as per investigation it has been found that the petitioner was not involved in the manufacturing/printing of the counter feet note as well.

Keeping in view the factual position which has been disclosed by the learned State counsel in this regard and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. After considering the totality of the circumstances of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that it would be in the interest of justice, to admit the petitioner to bail. Petitioner is granted the concession of regular bail. He be released on regular bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

27th November, 2020

Shivani Kaushik

**[JASGURPREET SINGH PURI]
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
Whether Reportable	Yes/No