

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

**CRM-M-34158-2020**

**Date of decision:15.12.2020**

Raj Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Bhatheja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)**

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Custody certificate by way of an affidavit dated 14.12.2020 of Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda, filed through email, is taken on record.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.139 dated 18.08.2020 registered under Sections 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 472 IPC at Police Station City, Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has no role to play in the present case and no recovery has been effected from the petitioner. The petitioner is not holding a licence of stamp vendor and he has been in custody for the last 3 months and 18 days.

Learned State counsel points out that the allegation against the petitioner is that he was selling the stamp paper in place of Dinesh Kumar but no recovery has been effected from him. The challan has been

presented in this case. However, learned State counsel has not disputed the custody period of the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody for the last 3 months and 18 days. Trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

**15.12.2020**  
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**(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether reasoned/speaking? | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable?        | Yes/No |