

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

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CRM-M-52782-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 21.05.2020

RAKESH BHATI

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Manish Soni, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.290 dated 19.05.2019, under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 232, 233, 243, 235, 238, 239, 240, 247, 249, 255, 201 and 120-B read with 34 IPC, 1985, registered at Police Station Suraj Kund, District Faridabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations in the FIR are that he along with co-accused was found in possession of counterfeit 5 rupees coin amounting to Rs.2.5 lakh in total. The petitioner is in custody for over a year and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions received through email from SI Rakesh Kumar, states that although charges have been framed and 9 out of 34 witnesses have been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year and he is not involved in any other case, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

21.05.2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No