

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-5117-2021

Date of Decision: 08.02.2021.

MIMANSHU SINGLA

.....*Petitioner*

V/s.

STATE OF HARYANA

.....*Respondent*

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Goel, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.12, dated 07.01.2019, registered under Section 201, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station City Sirsa, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been in custody since 23.11.2020 for offences triable by the Magistrate. He has further submitted that a perusal of the FIR in question clearly reveals that it is co-accused (Anupam Singla) who had floated as many as 92-100 bogus firms which included one bogus firm in the name of the petitioner. It has been submitted that in fact the petitioner is a small-time businessman having a Battery, Inverter and Auto Shop and he was lured by the main-accused (Anupam Singla) to open a bank account in the name of M/s. Mimanshu Brothers with an offer of giving him a ₹5,000/- per month. It

has further been submitted that the main-accused (Anupam Singla) who has since been arrested has also admitted to the factum of floating a bogus firm in the name of the petitioner and also with respect to the offer given by him of ₹5,000/- per month to the petitioner. Thus, a prayer has been made to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Heard.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions from ASI Sarabjit Singh, has submitted that the delay in conclusion of the trial has been on account of the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, I deem it a fit case for grant of the concession of regular bail to the petitioner, as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, more so, in the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

February 8, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

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