

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

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**CRM-M-9263-2021(O&M)
Decided on :04.03.2021**

JASWANT SINGH

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana
assisted SI Surjeet.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.366, dated 20.08.2020 under Sections 420, 463, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Kharkhoda, District Sonapat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was neither the owner nor proprietor of the institute which allegedly issued the forged mark-sheet to the complainant. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 15th October 2020 and only challan has been presented till date, hence, there is no likelihood of the trial concluding any time in the near future. Learned counsel has further submitted that the offences are triable by the Magistrate, hence he may be extended the concession of regular bail.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on instructions from SI Surjeet submitted that the petitioner duped the

complainant of Rs.42,000/- on the pretext of getting them admitted in B.A., and B.Com and thereafter supplied them with fake mark-sheets.

Heard.

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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 04, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No