

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

CRM-M-9608-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.03.2021

Sanjeev Rai

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Harish Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab,
assisted by SI Gursewak Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.129 dated 11.10.2020 at Police Station Meharban, Ludhiana, under Sections 489-A/489-B/489-C/489-D/489-E IPC.
2. It is the case of the prosecution that a secret information was received by the police to the effect that Sanjeev Rai (petitioner), Sunil Kumar and Dalbir Singh @ Dalli were printing fake currency with the help of computer and were circulating the same in the market by projecting the same to be genuine. Pursuant to receipt of such information, the accused were apprehended. Six currency notes of denomination of Rs.100/- each were recovered from Sanjeev Rai (petitioner). Upon his disclosure statement, another

amount of Rs.1,47,000/- was recovered. The total amount recovered from the three accused was Rs.2,40,900/-.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that it is only an amount of Rs.600/-, which was recovered from him and that he cannot be said to be indulging in printing of fake currency.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since report from the Government of India Press, Gandhi Nagar, Nashik-6, Maharashtra is to the effect that the entire recovered currency notes amounting to Rs.2,40,900/- are counterfeit currency, no case for grant of bail is made out. Learned State counsel has, however, informed that the petitioner as on date has been behind bars since the last more than 4 months and is not wanted in any other case and that challan already stands presented.
5. Having considered the rival submissions addressed before this Court and while bearing in mind the nature of allegation and that conclusion of trial is likely to consume time as not even a single PW has been examined till date, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

08.03.2021
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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