

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10509-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 10.03.2021

ABHAY BHATTACHARYA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ankit Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.77 dated 15.02.2021, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 472, 473 & 120 IPC and 69 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, Police Station Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused that the petitioner is unauthorizedly manufacturing rubber stamps of different offices and institutions. He, however, contends that there is no allegation that any stamp made by the petitioner had been used to defraud any person. The petitioner is in custody for over 15 days and no recovery has been effected from him. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Boota Singh, contends that the petitioner is alleged to have been making stamps of various institutions at the behest of various persons without proper verification and has been helping the accused. However, he is not in a

position to controvert the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when no recovery has been effected from the petitioner, the petitioner 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

10.03.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No