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

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Date of decision: 25.10.2021

Sonu Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. R.S. Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.226 dated 06.11.2020 under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C IPC, registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

Brief facts of the case are that on 06.11.2020, while the Investigating Officer along co-officials was on patrol duty, he received a secret information that co-accused Pankaj and petitioner Sonu Kumar are preparing counterfeit currency notes and supplying the same in the villages of Punjab

adjoining to Dabwali. On receiving such information, a ruqa was sent to the police station for registration of FIR under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C IPC and thereafter, a raid was conducted on the suspected place and two persons were apprehended, who disclosed their names as Pankaj and Sonu Kumar and fake currency notes of 2000 denomination, total Rs.2.00 lacs were recovered from co-accused Pankaj and from petitioner Sonu Kumar, fake currency notes of Rs.1.20 lac was recovered. It is further case of the prosecution that later on, co-accused Pankaj suffered a disclosure statement and from him, a coloured scanner along with counterfeit currency notes of 500 denomination, total Rs.3.00 lacs, were recovered. Similarly, the petitioner suffered a disclosure statement and from him, currency notes of 2000, 500, 200 and 100 denomination were recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 13.11.2020 and a period of 11 months and 11 days has lapsed and he is not involved in any other case. Learned counsel has relied upon the order dated 27.04.2021 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda, vide which co-accused Pankaj has already been released on regular bail.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 23.10.2021 in the Court today and has not disputed the factual position.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case and considering the fact that the conclusion of the trial will take some time and aforesaid co-accused of the petitioner has already been released on regular bail by the Additional Sessions Judge,

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Bathinda, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No