

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

(Heard through VC)

**CRM-13314-13315 of 2021 in/and
CRM-M-15484 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: May 24, 2021**

Rohit Bansal @ Raju @ Rohit Kumar Bansal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Akash Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Grewal, Addl. AG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

CRM-13315-2021

This is an application that has been filed seeking to prepone hearing in the main case.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed. Hearing in the main case is preponed and the same is taken up for hearing today.

CRM-13314-2021

Allowed as prayed for.

Orders are taken on record as Annexures P-3 to P-5.

CRM-M-15484-2021

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.08 dated 21.08.2020, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Sections 7, 7(A), 8 of Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Phase I, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* would contend that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the said matter. He relies upon an order passed in CRM-M No.33327 of 2020 and other connected matters whereby similarly situated persons have been allowed regular bail. It is contended that the petitioner herein is also similarly situated. It is further argued that as on date, the State has not obtained sanction to prosecute the petitioner under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner by contending that no ground is made out for grant of concession of bail to the petitioner, however, he does not dispute the fact that sanction to prosecute the petitioner under the Prevention of Corruption Act has not been obtained.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. Keeping in view the fact that the similarly situated persons have been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 31.03.2021 passed in CRM-M No.33327 of 2020 and the fact that owing to COVID-19 pandemic, the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be

released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

May 24, 2021 <i>vijay saini</i>	(JAISHREE THAKUR) JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No