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

**CRM-M No.15858 of 2021
Date of Decision: 06.07.2021**

KANWALJIT SINGHPetitioner
Vs
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.17 dated 03.02.2021, registered under Sections 465, 468, 471 IPC (offences under Sections 467/473/419/420/120-B IPC added later on) at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Tarn.

The FIR was registered on the basis of secret information to the effect that the accused namely Hargurbhej Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Gurjashandeep Singh, Dilbagh Singh, Happy Kang and Soni Bharowal have made a gang and they used to prepare fake driving licences and other fake documents.

Gurbhej Singh and Kuldeep Singh are alleged to have involved in preparation of forged documents by stamping fake stamps on the shop named as Mughlani Photostat. They also used to do the same work on other photostat shops as well. Gurjashandeep Singh @ Jashan and some other persons used to bring the customers for preparing fake driving licences and other documents. The raid was conducted on the shop of Gurbhej Singh and he was arrested. 11 fake stamps of DTO Tarn Tarn, Amritsar and Tehsil Khadur Sahib were recovered besides other fake stamps of other authorities. The raid was also conducted in the shop of Kuldeep Singh and he was arrested along with Gurjashandeep Singh @ Jashan. Three fake stamps were recovered from the shop. In the disclosure statement of Gurjashandeep Singh, Inderjeet Singh, Kamaljit Singh, Shamsheer Singh and Pardeep were nominated.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was arrested on 16.02.2021. Co-accused namely Pardeep Singh, Dalbir Singh @ Sony, Harpreet Singh @ Happy and Dilbagh Singh are on interim bail in different petitions. Petitioner has been nominated along with Inderjit Singh, Kamaljit Singh, Shamsheer Singh and Pardeep Singh on the basis of disclosure statement of Gurjashandeep Singh, who stated that they used to work along with the petitioner and other

accused. The offence is triable by the Magistrate. Challan has been presented on 04.05.2021.

Factual position of the case is not in dispute, however, learned State counsel opposed the bail on the ground that the petitioner is involved in forgery. The case before the trial Court is fixed for 13.07.2021 for framing of charges. The trial of the case may take some time in its culmination.

Looking to the aforesaid facts and in view of the situation arising out due to COVID-19 pandemic and without adverting to the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail.

In view of above, petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

July 06, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No