

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

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**CRM-M-17084-2021
Decided on : 29.04.2021**

Bijender Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr.Navneet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.R.K.S.Brar, Addl.A.G., Haryana.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video conferencing,
as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition, filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.0155 dated 17.10.2019 under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468, 471/34, 120B IPC registered at Police Station, Sectors 32-33, Karnal.

The allegations against the petitioner are that he had misused the documents to take a loan from the complainant-Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank to the tune of Rs.7,19,000/- for the land measuring 55 kanals by impersonating as Rai Singh, his father.

Counsel has contended that the said loan has been paid back and the mortgage granted on the said land was vacated while referring to certificate dated 06.08.2020 (Annexure P-2) issued by the Bank itself. It is submitted that investigation against the other co-accused is still pending. It is submitted by the State that the wife of the petitioner is stated to have gone abroad and not joined investigation.

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Keeping in view the fact that investigation qua the petitioner is complete and the case pertains to documentary evidence as to the public documents which were misused and forged for the purpose of obtaining a loan. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody since he was arrested on 31.12.2020 and the trial is likely to take considerable time, keeping in view the COVID-2019 situation. The Bank has already secured its money as contended above, which was deposited by the petitioner himself before his arrest.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner be granted the benefit of regular bail, on furnishing of bonds/surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the Illaqa/Duty Magistrate, Karnal.

APRIL 29, 2021

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No