

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

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**CRM-M No. 16936 of 2021
Date of decision :08.09.2021**

Gokal @ Dholu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Lal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Prakash Chahar, DAG, Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 43 dated 16.03.2020 registered under Section 392, 395 and 120-B IPC at Police Station Sadar Baragudha, District Sirsa, Haryana.

Status report by way of affidavit dated 03.09.2021 of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sirsa, filed on behalf of respondent-State, through e-mail, is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has not named in the FIR and falsely implicated in the present case on the disclosure statement of co-accused. The petitioner is not involved in any other case and has been in custody since 19.04.2020. As far as other cases are concerned, petitioner is acquitted in one case and in other cases, he is on bail.

Per contra, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel has submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. The petitioner along with co-accused have snatched Rs. 45000/- and bag containing ledger book from the complainant by showing datar. Recovery of Rs. 5000/- and iron datar has been effected

from the petitioner. No prosecution witnesses have been examined and the charges have been framed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 19.04.2020. The prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Further, keeping in view the prevailing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

08.09.2021

Rajeev (rvs)

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No