

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

CRM-M No.17388 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision.11.05.2021
(HEARD THROUGH VC)

Virender

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Shokeen Singh Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepshikha Chauhan, AAG, Haryana.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.09 dated 10.01.2021 registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC and Sections 61 & 63-A of Punjab Excise (Haryana Amendment) Act, 2020 at Police Station City Jhajjar, District Jhajjar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* would contend that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the said matter as he has been nominated only on the basis of disclosure statement of a co-accused. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. It is further contended that the co-accused has already been granted interim bail by this High Court in CRM-M No.9699 of 2021 vide order dated 02.03.2021. The investigation has been completed and the challan stands presented and therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner would no longer be required. The trial is likely to take some time to conclude and therefore, prays for concession of bail to the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State on instructions from ASI Baljit Singh opposes grant of bail to the petitioner by contending that no ground is made out for grant of concession of bail to the petitioner, however, she does not dispute the fact that the challan stands presented and the co-accused has been allowed interim bail by this High Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. Keeping in view the fact that the challan stands presented and the co-accused has been allowed interim bail by this High Court 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. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/ surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

May 11, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No