

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-18457 of 2021

Date of Decision: May 20, 2021

Siddharth Kumar

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Ivan Singh Khosa, Advocate
Mr. Deepak Tuteja, Advocate and
Mr. Shivam Grover, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Sanjay Mittal, Addl. A.G. Haryana

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 746 dated 04.05.2017 registered at Police Station Jagadhri City, Yamunanagar, under Section 174-A IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present FIR was registered as the petitioner failed to appear in a case registered against him under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. The petitioner has since surrendered in the said case and has been granted regular bail. Now, the petitioner has been in custody for more than 7 months and thus, he may be granted regular bail in this case as well.

Learned State counsel submits that there are 78 other similar cases pending against the petitioner and thus, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

It is not in dispute that the petitioner has been granted regular bail in a case under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. It appears that a large

number of such cases under Section 174-A IPC have been registered against the petitioner on account of his failure to put in appearance. Since the petitioner has been granted regular bail in a case under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and has already undergone custody in excess of 7 months in the present case, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

May 20, 2021

Poonam Negi

[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No