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

CRM-M-17929-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 02.07.2021

Punit

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN**

Present: Mr. P.K. Hooda, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Garg, AAG, Haryana.

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**H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)**

Case taken up through video conferencing.

This petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner Punit, an accused in FIR No.293 dated 26.06.2020, for offences under Sections 124-A, 153-B IPC (Sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC added later on), registered with Police Station Sadar Sonipat, District Sonipat.

Briefly stated facts of the case as per prosecution story are that, accused Vipul Jain had approached the present petitioner Punit for procuring sim cards without furnishing any ID proof and petitioner in turn contacted co-accused Rahul and Abdul in that regard and the latter agreed to deliver sim cards without insisting for furnishing of ID proof; such sim cards were to be provided to persons indulging in anti national activities and the petitioner was well aware of the same; after registration

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of the FIR, the investigation in the case started and the petitioner was arrested in this case on 03.01.2020.

Petitioner had filed an application for regular bail before the Court of Sessions at Sonepat but was unsuccessful. As such, he has approached this Court craving for grant of similar relief, by way of filing the present petition, which is being resisted by the State counsel.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties besides going through the record.

The petitioner is of young age of 24 years. As admitted by the State counsel, he does not have any past criminal record. His name is said to have cropped up during disclosure statement of co-accused Vipul Jain. On completion of investigation, the challan against him has since been filed and the next date of hearing is stated to be 13.07.2021 for the purpose of consideration on the point of framing of charge. The conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time since on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the proceedings in the Courts at district level have been severely affected; the guilt of the petitioner shall be determined during the trial. Therefore, without going into merits of the case, I find it proper and appropriate to grant benefit of regular bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate, Sonepat, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) he shall appear in the Court on each and every date of hearing;
(ii) he shall not give any threat or intimidation to the prosecution witnesses;

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(iii)he shall not indulge in any criminal activity;
(iv)he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court and shall surrender his passport, if he has got one, otherwise to furnish affidavit in that regard;

In case the petitioner violates any term and condition on which the bail has been granted to him, the prosecution would be entitled to apply for cancellation of bail.

02.07.2021 **(H.S. MADAAN)**
*sumit.k* **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes No
Whether Reportable : Yes No

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