

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-18561-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: October 26, 2021**

SURENDER KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Gurdarshan Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.12 dated 09.01.2019, under Sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC, registered at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that co-accused Anupam Singla had floated many bogus firms to fraudulently claim input tax credit on bogus sales. One firm was opened in the name of the petitioner by using his Aadhar card and other documents. He, however, contends that the petitioner is an illiterate mason and had been taken for a ride by the co-accused. No recovery of either money or incriminating documents has been effected from the petitioner. He also contends that similarly situated co-accused namely Mimanshu Singla had been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court on 08.02.2021 passed in CRM-M-5117-2021. The petitioner is in custody for almost a year and does

not have criminal antecedents.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 11 months and 28 days. He upon instructions from SI Raj Singh states that although the charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost a year, co-accused has been granted bail, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 26, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No