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

**CRM-M No.18404 of 2021
Date of Decision:21.05.2021**

UMESH ALIAS KALA ALIAS KAKE

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present:Mr.Gopal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.541 dated 04.08.2020 under Sections 379, 411,420, 467, 471 IPC registered at Police Station City, Sonapat.

The allegations are that the petitioner in connivance with co-accused Naveen and others used to engrave fake chassis number and engine number on stolen vehicles and further sell the same in the market in order to earn profit. On

the basis of secret information, co-accused Pardeep was arrested along with Endeavour vehicle with fake number plate. One Mrs. Ashwin Saboo was found to be registered owner of that Endeavour which was snatched near Dwarika link road for which FIR No.117 dated 16.02.2019 was registered in Police Station Vasant Vihar, Delhi under Section 392/34 IPC. During investigation co-accused Naveen alias Sonu was arrested and he got recovered 7 vehicles. Further allegations are that the petitioner along with co-accused Naveen and others have earned profit of Rs.19.35 lacs, which was credited in the account of the co-accused under name and style of Sarariya Associates and the amount was credited by Rana Ji Motors.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that co-accused Naveen has been granted regular bail vide order dated 27.01.2021 passed in CRM-M No.2851 of 2021. Challan has been presented on 16.05.2021 and the offences are triable by Magistrate. Petitioner is in custody since 18.02.2021. Only amount of Rs.2,500/- has been recovered from the petitioner. The case of the accused would be dependent upon the complicity of Ikrar resident of Meerut, who has not been traced out so far. As per investigation, till date, it has been found by the Police that the petitioner and his associates purchased scrap of accidental vehicles and sent the same for repair to Ikrar

resident of Meerut. The chasis number of purchased scrapped vehicles used to be engraved for stolen vehicles from Ikrar and by doing so, the accused used to earn profits.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Offences are triable by the Magistrate. Challan has been presented on 16.05.2021. Petitioner is in custody since 18.02.2021.

Looking to the aforesaid facts and in view of the situation arising out due to COVID-19 pandemic and without adverting to the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail.

In view of above, petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

21.05.2021

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable**Yes/No**