

**218 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-20250-2021
Date of Decision: 25.05.2021**

RAJINDER SINGH

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Vikas Cuccria, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner, in case FIR No.3 dated 24.03.2021, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D and 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station State Special Operation Cell, SAS Nagar.

[2]. The petitioner has remained in detention for more than 2 months, since 24.03.2021. Perusal of the FIR discloses that there were allegations against the named accused persons of cheating innocent people as being involved in counterfeiting currency. However, the actual material collected during investigation was counterfeit currency amounting to Rs.21,600/- apart from certain chemical, which was allegedly used for creating the counterfeit currency. There is no indication of any actual complaint by any person allegedly cheated by any of the accused persons. The role of the petitioner is said to have been of driving the vehicle from which the contraband in the form of counterfeit currency was recovered.

The same constitutes an offence under Section 489-C of the IPC, which

itself is bailable.

[3]. As such, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole and in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner, as also the fact that the trial is likely to take its own substantial time, particularly on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail, subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[4]. Disposed off.

25.05.2021

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
2. Whether reportable: Yes/No