

215 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21783-2021
Date of Decision: 19.07.2021

Kulwant Rai

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

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

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.03 dated 24.03.2021, under Sections 420/467/468/489-A/489-B/489-C/489-D/120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station Staff Special Operations Cell, SAS Nagar Mohali.

2. The petitioner has remained in detention for almost four months, since 24.03.2021. Perusal of the FIR discloses that there were allegations against the named accused persons of cheating the innocent people as being involved in counterfeiting currency. However, the actual material collected during investigation was counterfeit currency amounting to ₹21,600/- apart from possessing certain chemical, 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 travelling in 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 will take its own considerable time to complete, 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.

19.07.2021*Apurva***(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No