

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

Sr. No.230

CRM-M-23307-2021

Date of decision: 30.09.2021

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....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Sunil Saharan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Zorawar Singh Chauhan, DAG, Haryana.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.437 dated 10.07.2019, registered under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 201 IPC at Police Station Hansi City, District Hisar.

Briefly stated, the case of the prosecution is that on 10.07.2019, the police received secret information that the petitioner was coming in a private vehicle carrying fake currency. On receipt of such information, a raiding party was constituted and the said vehicle was intercepted in which the petitioner was found sitting. The petitioner's search resulted in the recovery of counterfeit Indian Currency notes amounting to Rs.26000/-. After lodging of the above FIR, investigation was conducted which revealed the involvement of co-accused Vinod @ Nodi, Virender Parshad and Uma Shankar. The arrest and interrogation of the afore accused reveal that Uma Shankar had brought the counterfeit currency notes from one Nepali person and then handed over the same to Virender Parshad who in turn gave the currency to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; the petitioner has been in custody since 15.03.2021; there is no other criminal case pending against

the petitioner; investigation in the case is complete; co-accused Uma Shankar, who allegedly brought the counterfeit currency notes from one Nepali, had earlier approached this Court through CRM-M-20439-2021 – Uma Shankar vs. State of Haryana and has been granted regular bail and that the petitioner's trial, which is yet to begin, is likely to take a long time to conclude .

Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner has been found in possession of and dealing in counterfeit currency notes.

The petitioner is in custody since 15.03.2021; he has no other criminal case pending against him; recovery has been effected; in fact investigation is complete; co-accused Uma Shankar, who is alleged to have brought the fake currency from the source in Nepal has been granted regular bail through an order of this Court dated 27.07.2021 passed in CRM-M-20439-2021 – Uma Shankar vs. State of Haryana and that the petitioner's trial, which is yet to begin, is likely to take a long time to conclude.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Hisar, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for the limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

September 30, 2021
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(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No