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

(Through Video-conferencing)

**CRM-M No.29116 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.08.2021**

Kuldeep Singh @ Raju

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl., A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.17 dated 03.02.2021 registered under Sections 465, 468, 471 IPC (offences under Sections 467, 473, 419, 420, 120-B IPC added later on) at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

FIR was registered on the basis of secret information with the allegations that accused namely Hargurbhej Singh @ Gurbhej Singh, Kuldeep Singh @ Raju, Gurjashandeep Singh @ Jashan, Dilbag Singh, Happy Kang and Soni Bhrowal have

formed a gang and they used to prepare fake driving licences and other fake documents. Gurbhej Singh and Kuldeep Singh are alleged to have involved in preparation of false documents by affixing fake stamps on the shop of one Muglani Photostat. They used to do the same work on other photostat shops as well. Gurjashandeep Singh and some other persons used to bring customers for preparing fake driving licences and other documents. A raid was conducted on the shop of Gurbhej Singh. He was arrested with 11 fake stamps of DTO Tarn Taran, Amritsar and Tehsildar Khadur Sahib besides other fake stamps of other authorities. Similarly raid was conducted on the shop of Kuldeep Singh and he was arrested along with Gurjashandeep Singh. Three fake stamps were recovered from his shop as per disclosure statement of Gurjashandeep Singh. Some other material like coloured printer, CPU and laptop were also recovered from the shop of Kuldeep Singh. In the disclosure statement of Gurjashandeep Singh, co-accused Inderjit Singh, Kamaljit Singh, Shamsheer Singh and Pardeep were nominated. Co-accused Pardeep, Dilbag Singh and Happy Kang were granted interim bail and those petitions are still pending. Kamaljit Singh has been granted regular bail vide order dated 06.07.2021 passed in CRM-M No.15858 of 2021.

Learned State counsel, however, opposed the bail on

the ground that the petitioner is one of the gang members and the accused are involved in forgery and cheating.

The factual position of the case is not in dispute.

Offence is triable by the Magistrate, challan has been presented on 04.05.2021, but charges have not been framed so far. The trial of the case may take some time in its culmination.

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

In view of above, petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular 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.

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

02.08.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No