

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****(I) CRM-M-30716-2021 (O&M)**

Nand Lal @ Nandu ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

(II) CRM-M-30782-2021 (O&M)

Sushil Kumar @ Bunty ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

Date of Decision: 10.08.2021**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL**Present: Mr. Manpreet Singh Longia, Advocate,
for the petitioner/s.Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Khushal Singh.*(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)***GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)**

1. This order shall dispose off the above mentioned two petitions, wherein petitioners Nand Lal @ Nandu and Sushil Kumar @ Bunty, seek grant of regular bail in a case registered vide FIR No.287, dated 12.11.2020, Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar, under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D, 120-B IPC.
2. The FIR in question was lodged on the basis of secret information received by the police to the effect that Nand Lal, Abhay Singh

and Sushil Kumar indulged in preparing fake currency notes and used to supply the same in Rupnagar City and in other cities as well. The information was further to the effect that they were travelling in a car bearing registration No.HR-01-AF-9953 and were carrying huge quantity of counterfeit currency notes. Pursuant to receipt of said secret information, barricading was held and the car bearing registration No.HR-01-AF-9953 was apprehended, which was being driven by Abhay Singh. Nand Lal was found to be sitting on the front passenger seat, whereas Sushil Kumar was sitting on the rear seat. A search of the car led to recovery of 175 counterfeit currency notes of denomination of Rs.2000/- each from the dashboard of the car. The personal search of the three accused led to recovery of 50 counterfeit currency notes from each of the three accused.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner/s has submitted that they have falsely been implicated in the instant case and that in any case since challan already stands presented and since two of the identically situated co-accused have already been granted bail and the petitioners are not even involved in any other case, they are entitled to concession of bail.
4. Opposing the petitions, learned State counsel has submitted that since counterfeit currency notes worth Rs.1 lakh were recovered from each of the accused apart from currency notes worth Rs.43,000/- which were additionally recovered from Nand Lal subsequently, no case for grant of bail is made out. Learned State

counsel has, however, informed that both the petitioners as on date have been behind bars since the last about 8 months.

5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and the nature of allegations and while also noticing that both the petitioners have been behind bars for a substantial period and that the conclusion of trial is likely to consume time particularly in the present times of spread of pandemic, both the petitions, as such, are accepted and the petitioner/s are ordered to be released on bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

10.08.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**

Whether reportable: **Yes/No**