

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

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CRM-M No.36645-2021

Date of decision:07.12.2021

ASI Sarabjeet Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present:- Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.005, dated 17.07.2021 registered under Sections 420, 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D and 120-B of IPC, at Police Station State Special Operations Cell, SAS Nagar

Police received a secret information on 17.07.2021 that Satinder Singh, resident of Dashmesh Nagar, Kharar was representing himself to be a police officer, Rajni Vinayak @ Khera Madam, Deepak Kumar, Attika Sikka in connivance with each other were indulging in selling of counterfeit currency and if the raid is conducted, counterfeit currency and machinery used for making counterfeit currency can be recovered. The police acted upon the information and raided House No.44, Phase 3-A, Mohali and recovered 5 notes of denomination of Rs.2000/-, two printers, bottles of different chemical colours, one note counting machine were recovered.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the role attributed to the petitioner is that he was posted as a Gunman at the residence of the DGP, Punjab Police and was misusing his official position by helping co-accused in circulating the counterfeit currency. The contention is that there is nothing on the record to connect the petitioner with the other co-accused or their alleged activity. He further submits that no recovery was made from the petitioner, the petitioner was named in the secret information, he is in custody since 17.07.2021 and investigation is complete.

Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail. However, on instructions, he fairly submits that the investigation is complete, no recovery is to be made.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, considering the nature of allegation and the fact that investigation is complete, no recovery was made from the petitioner, conclusion of the trial is likely to take time and petitioner being a police official there is no chance of his absconding, the petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

07.12.2021

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No