

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

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CRM-M-39906-2021

Date of decision : 20.12.2021

Raj Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. D.R. Punia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.150 dated 31.07.2021, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Tibba, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR has been registered on the basis of secret information wherein it is alleged that the accused are preparing forged certificates for issuance of aadhaar cards after fixing fake seal of MLA. He, however, contends that there is no specific instance of any unauthorized person having been helped by the petitioner in obtaining aadhaar card. The petitioner is in custody for over 4 ½ months since his arrest on 31.07.2021 and he does not have criminal antecedents. Co-accused Vinod Kumar @ Bhalla has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-41768 of 2021 on 07.12.2021.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kulwinder Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined so far. She also contends that several forged documents

including forms, pan cards and fake signatures with seal of MLA were allegedly recovered.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 4 ½ months, he does not have criminal antecedents, co-accused has been granted bail, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

December 20, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No