

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

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**CRM-M-43917-2020 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 15.03.2021**

**PAWAN KUMAR ALIAS PONNA**

... Petitioner

Versus

**STATE OF HARYANA**

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

Present: Mr. Surender Dhull, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Singh Chaudhary, Addl. AG Haryana.

**HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)**

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.267 dated 19.09.2020, registered under Section 136 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Sections 379 and 411 IPC at Police Station Kaithal Sadar, District Kaithal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that FIR has been lodged by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Sub-Urban, Sub-Division No.1, Kaithal. The petitioner, while in custody, has been indicted in the present FIR on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-accused. After the registration of the FIR, 04 persons were apprehended and recovery of 30 liters and 20 liters of transformer oil of UHBVN was effected from them. On the statement of the apprehended persons, the petitioner along with one Raju was arrested on 09.11.2020.

Learned State counsel while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail has stated that the petitioner is involved in 07 other FIRs of similar nature. He has, however, not disputed the factum of petitioner being on bail in all the said FIRs.

Learned State counsel further states that after completion of the investigation, the challan was presented in the Court but charges are yet to be framed and the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court is 15.03.2021.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Though, 07 other FIRs of similar nature have been registered against the petitioner yet he is on bail in all of them. Charges are yet to be framed. Trial of the case would take long time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bar.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

**15.03.2021**

*Aman Jain*

**(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)**

**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned*

: *Yes/No*

*Whether reportable*

: *Yes/No*