

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

**CRM-M-44088-2020
Date of decision: 08.01.2021**

Manoj Kumar @ Chottu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Ms. Vijay Lakshmi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 257 dated 26.12.2018, registered under Sections 379-A, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC at Police Station Sector 14, District Panchkula.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of complainant Pushpinder Bansal, it is stated that he is having a shop-cum-office in Panchkula and came to know that RBL Bank is looking for a property on rent. Petitioner introduced himself to the complainant as Akash Gupta with a bank ID card and told him that he should take an amount of Rs.3,50,000/- to Aroma Hotel.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that as per allegations in the FIR, when the complainant was going to Chandigarh with petitioner, in the meanwhile, the petitioner ran away by taking the bag, which was containing money.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that petitioner is in custody since 22.02.2019 and the trial is still proceeding at a very slow pace as out of total 16 prosecution witnesses, only 10 have been examined so far and the trial will take a long time in its conclusion.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from SI Sukhbir Singh, could not dispute the fact that petitioner is not involved in any other and he is in judicial custody since 22.02.2019.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without making any comment on the merits of the case, considering the fact that petitioner is in long custody and he is not involved in any other case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate, concerned.

08.01.2021

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No