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

Date of Decision: 09.09.2021

1. CRM-M-44030-2019 (O&M)

Ankit Aggarwal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T., Chandigarh

... Respondent

2. CRM-M-48684-2019

Ram Tirath Aery

... Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T., Chandigarh

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Rahul Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner(in CRM-M-44030-2019).

Mr. S.S. Behl, Advocate
for the petitioner(in CRM-M-48684-2019).

Mr. A.M. Punchhi, PP, U.T., Chandigarh with
Mr. Anupam Bansal, APP, U.T., Chandigarh
for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J.(Oral)

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video
conference.

These two petitions under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal

Procedure, 1973, are filed seeking regular bail in FIR No. 3 dated 01.08.2018, under Sections 409, 420, 466, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 12, 13(1) (d) and 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance, Chandigarh.

3. On 30.01.2020 following order was passed in CRM-M-44030-2019:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner by relying orders dated 05.07.2019, 05.08.2019, 18.11.2019 and 22.11.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in case of Nav Rattan Munjal vs. Union Territory, Chandigarh, states that Nav Rattan Munjal is the main accused against whom VAT liability to the tune of Rs.66 crores was found by the Excise & Taxation Department. Nav Rattan Munjal is on interim bail by depositing 50% of the liability and his case is fixed for 11.02.2020 in the Hon'ble Apex Court. Petitioner is alleged to be a conduit in the present case.

Learned counsel further states that Shipali Sharma, Data Entry Operator working in the Excise Department has been granted interim bail in CRM-M No.40428 of 2019 and the said case is fixed for 26.02.2020.

In view of aforesaid, it would be just and appropriate to adjourn the present case.

Adjourned to 26.02.2020.

Since the challan has already been presented, therefore, petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.”

4. Learned counsel appearing for U.T., Chandigarh submits that the investigation is complete, challan stands presented. However, there is a apprehension that the petitioner may leave the country.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner at this stage submits that petitioner is ready to surrender his passport if he possesses one.

In view of the fact that the custody of the petitioner is not required,

investigation is complete, the interim bail granted to the petitioners is made absolute. Petitioner would surrender his passport within 10 days.

7. Disposed of.
8. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)

JUDGE

09.09.2021

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No