

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

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CRM-M-7472-2022

Date of decision: 25.02.2022

HARPAL KAUR @ PALI

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present : Mr. Ramandeep, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

(The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case, FIR No. 159 dated 12.08.2021 registered under Sections 420, 489A, 489B, 489C, 489D and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'the IPC') at Police Station Urban Estate, District Patiala to which Section 212 of the IPC was added later on.

The brief facts of the case are that police party on the basis of secret information apprehended accused Amandeep Singh and Harpal Kaur (petitioner) from whom fake currency notes were recovered. It has been further mentioned in the FIR that the petitioner

along with other accused persons are working in the form of a gang and are engaged in counterfeiting of the currency notes.

The petition has been opposed by learned State Counsel. However, no reply has been filed on behalf of respondent-State.

I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and gone through the case file.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Challan in the present case has already been filed. Charges have not yet been framed. There are 17 prosecution witnesses and the trial is likely to take long time. The petitioner is in custody since 12.08.2021. Co-accused of the petitioner namely Amandeep Singh @ Aman and Gursimran Singh @ Rinki who have been attributed similar role in the FIR have already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 13.12.2021 and 07.01.2022 respectively. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody. Therefore, the petitioner may be ordered to be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel opposed the submissions of learned Counsel for the petitioner and submits that the present application for grant of regular bail to the petitioner be dismissed as the case pertains to counterfeiting of Indian Currency.

Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of custody undergone by the petitioner in this case, custodial interrogation of the petitioner not required, co-accused Amandeep Singh @ Aman and Gursimran Singh alias Rinki have already been

granted the concession of regular bail and the fact that trial is likely to take long time but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing of personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

25.02.2022

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**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

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