

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

CRM-M-8531 of 2022(O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.04.2022

Paras Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh

...Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

**Present:- Mr. S.S. Sandhu, Advocate
For the petitioner.**

Mr. C.S. Bakshi, APP U.T. Chandigarh.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. by the petitioner seeking regular bail in FIR No. 82 dated 26.10.2021, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 read with Section 120-B IPC, Police Station North Sector-3, District Chandigarh.

As per FIR, during process of interview for the post of Reporter (English) in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, one Neeraj Kumar, resident of Pinjore appeared in the said interview on 17.10.2021. On checking, the roll number slip produced by the said candidate was found to be forged. The matter was reported to the police and FIR was registered.

Counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner was not named in the FIR which was registered against one Jitender. Counsel further contended that during investigation the petitioner was arrested on 29.10.2021. Even main co-accused Jitender Singh is also in custody.

After completion of investigation, challan has been presented. Counsel further contended that it will take time for completion of trial.

On the other hand, counsel appearing for U.T. Chandigarh submitted that petitioner was actively involved in the alleged forgery. The petitioner supplied fake identity cards of the Clerk and Assistant to main accused Jitender Singh with fake unique codes HR-5149 and JO1513. Counsel further contended that trial is yet to begin and as such he opposed the bail application.

I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

As per custody certificate the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 5 months and he is not involved in any other criminal case. Admittedly, the police has already presented the challan in the Court of Illaqa Magistrate against the petitioner and other accused persons, on completion of investigation. The alleged recoveries have already been effected in this case and it will take time for culmination of trial.

In the light of above, no fruitful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period. Thus, without commenting on the merits of the case, instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released to regular bail during trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate / Duty Magistrate concerned.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No