

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

CRM-M-14984 of 2022(O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.09.2022

Jatinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh

...Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

**Present:- Mr. Rohit Khullar, Advocate
For the petitioner.**

**Ms. Tanya Kaushik, Advocate for
Mr. C.S. Bakshi, Addl. P.P. U.T. Chandigarh.**

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

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

The counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and is in custody for the last more than 10 months and is having no criminal history. The counsel for the petitioner further submits that all the allegations leveled in the FIR are false and even otherwise the police has presented the challan after completion of investigation and all the other accused have been given benefit of bail. The counsel for the petitioner further submits that it will take time for the trial to commence as report of FSL is still awaited. So, prayer is made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

The present petition is contested by the counsel appearing on behalf of U.T. Chandigarh who has produced custody certificate. The U.T. counsel submits that the report of FSL is still awaited and trial is yet to commence and the petitioner is facing serious charges of forgery and cheating and as such no ground is made out to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage. However, counsel for U.T. Chandigarh has not refuted the fact that co-accused have already been granted bail.

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

The FIR in this case was registered on the basis of the complaint wherein it was alleged that one Neeraj Kumar resident of Pinjore appeared in interview for the post of Reporter (English) in Haryana Vidhan Sabha Secretariat. The roll number slip produced by the said candidate was found to be forged and on enquiry it was found that the said forged roll number slip was supplied to the candidate by the petitioner. After the registration of the FIR the petitioner was arrested and the recoveries were effected from him as well as the co-accused. As per the custody certificate of the petitioner he is in custody for the last more than 10 months. After completion of investigation challan has been presented but report of FSL is still awaited. Admittedly, other accused have already been given benefit of bail. It will take considerable time for the trial to conclude after its commencement. So, no purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period.

Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case,

instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular

bail during the trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

16.09.2022
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(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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