

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

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CRM-M-15322-2022
Date of Decision: 16.05.2022

Pradeep Kumar @ SonuPetitioner

V/s.
State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Ms. Mahima Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG Punjab

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 CrPC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.240 dated 16.09.2021 under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Sections 66 and 66-D of the IT (Amendment) Act, 2008 registered at PS Anaj Mandi, Patiala.

The learned counsel for the petitioner stated that the petitioner is in custody since 21.11.2021. He has been nominated on the basis of disclosure statement made by the other co-accused, namely, Gurpreet Singh @ Shally and the role attributed to the petitioner is that he was introduced by one Avtar, one of the co-accused. He further submitted that the petitioner is at parity with other 9 co-accused who have been granted bail by the order of this Court which are Annexure P3 & P4. He further submitted that the aforesaid person, namely, Gurpreet Singh @ Shally on the basis of whose disclosure statement, the petitioner was arrested, was also granted bail by this Court.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is in custody since 21.11.2021 and 8 other co-accused including aforesaid Gurpreet Singh @ Shally on whose disclosure statement the petitioner was nominated, have been granted bail and the

petitioner is at parity with them. He further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and the investigation of the present case is complete and challan has been presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The other co-accused have been granted bail by this Court and as per learned State counsel, the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, this Court deems it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted regular bail on furnishing adequate bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial court/CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It is made clear that the aforesaid observations would not mean anything on the merits of the case, as the same are only for the purpose of deciding the present petition.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

16.05.2022

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<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes /No.</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>