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

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Date of decision: 25.05.2022

Praveen Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Edward Augustine George, Advocate and
Ms. Kanika Ahuja, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG, Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.297 dated 11.04.2021, registered at Police Station Shivaji Nagar, Gurugram, under Sections 193, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC and Section 201 IPC (added later on).

Reply dated 13.05.2022, by way of affidavit of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, City Gurugram, filed in the Registry, is taken on record.

Learned Sr. Counsel for the petitioner contends that co-accused, Deepak @ Naveen was already facing trial in another case bearing FIR No.146 of 2020, under Sections 302 and 120-B IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, Police Station Kherki Dhaula, that as per the prosecution version, Jai Bhagwan, father of Deepak @ Naveen contacted

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co-accused, Ajit and transferred Rs.20,000/- in the account of Anjali wife of Ajit, for procuring a forged matriculation certificate of his son to prove him a juvenile; that the petitioner was asked to hand over the supporting documents alongwith Rs.5,000/- to Ram Kishan alias Ram to prepare the forged documents; that the petitioner has been indicted on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused, Ajit; that the petitioner had not fabricated any document and rather, he is alleged to be a messenger, and that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.03.2022. On this premise, the learned counsel prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, submits that it was the petitioner, who had actively participated in preparing the forged matriculation certificate and the birth certificate of co-accused Deepak @ Naveen, to support his plea of juvenility in FIR No.146 of 2020.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The allegations against the petitioner are to be of a messenger, deputed by co-accused Ajit, to take the supporting documents alongwith Rs.5,000/- and hand over the same to Ram Kishan @ Ram.

Challan stands presented. The petitioner has been in custody since 03.03.2022. Trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his

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furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial
Court/Duty Magistrate.

25.05.2022

parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No