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

**CRM-M-36071-2022
Date of Decision: 23.08.2022**

Pankaj Kumar @ Bunt

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Ashish Grewal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen S. Panwar, DAG, Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.88 dated 12.06.2020, under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D & 201 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadhaura, District Yamuna Nagar.

It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 21.06.2020, which is more than two years and two months and 9 witnesses have already been examined. He further submitted that it is a case where the allegations against the petitioner were that he was a supplier of the counterfeit notes to different ladies, who are also the co-accused and have already been granted bail by this Court vide Annexures P-4 & P-5. He also submitted that other co-accused have been

granted bail by this Court. He further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and it is yet to be decided at the time of trial as to whether the petitioner had supplied any counterfeit notes to the other co-accused or not and he has already faced incarceration for more than two years, therefore, the petitioner may be considered for the grant regular bail.

On the other hand, Mr. Naveen S. Panwar, learned DAG, Haryana has stated that it is correct that the petitioner is in custody since 21.06.2020, which is more than two years and 9 witnesses have already been examined. He further submitted that it is also correct that all the other co-accused have been granted concession of bail by this Court. He also submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case, however, he has opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is the person who had supplied the counterfeit notes to the other co-accused.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has already faced incarceration for more than two years and 9 witnesses have already been examined. All the other co-accused have been released on bail by this Court. The petitioner is not involved in any other case and the trial of the case may take long time. Apart from the same, it is not the case of the State that in case the petitioner is released on bail then he may abscond or flee from justice or may influence any witness. Therefore, in view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant bail to the petitioner.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner

is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is only meant for the purpose of decision of present petition.

23.08.2022

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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |