

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

**CRM-M-49871-2021 (O&M)
Decided on 21.02.2022
(Heard through VC)**

MONTU JAIN @ LITESH JAIN

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sartaj Singh Toor, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C., for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.109 dated 26.09.2021 under Section 420 IPC registered at Police Station City-2, Malerkotla.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner herein has been falsely implicated in the said FIR. It is also submitted there is an inordinate delay in registration of the FIR as the alleged occurrence had taken place on 04.08.2021 whereas the FIR was registered almost 6 weeks thereafter on 26.09.2021. It is also submitted that the alleged card mentioned in the FIR does not belong to the petitioner herein. It is also submitted that investigation in the matter is complete and

the challan stands presented. Trial is likely to take some time to conclude, therefore, custody of the petitioner would no longer be required.

Per contra, learned State counsel would oppose grant of bail to the petitioner by contending that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious in nature but is not in a position to dispute the fact that the investigation stands completed and challan has been presented.

I have heard counsel for the parties and have also perused case file.

Keeping in view the fact that the matter has been investigated and the trial is likely to take time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer. Without commenting the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Anything observed hereinbefore shall not be construed as an observation on merits of the case.

21.02.2022

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No