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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46822-2022
DECIDED ON: 09.11.2022

MANPREET SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG, Haryana.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition filed by the petitioner seeking regular bail in FIR No.150, dated 29.03.2022, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 66, 66C, 66D of the Information and Technology Act, 2008, (Sections 467, 468, 471, 201, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 35, 36 of Haryana Parivar Pehchan Act, 2020 added later on), registered at Police Station Civil Lines Sirsa, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that according to the allegations made in the FIR, the petitioner has been roped in the present FIR only on account of the fact that he rectified the deficiency with regard to the income and replaced the occupation in the family identity cards of certain persons and the FIR was lodged on the basis of a complaint received from the headquarters saying that it has been done against the rules as no

provision of law or any other notification by the concerned Department including any authorization by Civil Resource Information Division to do so at the District Level. However, by doing so, it has been further asserted that no undue benefit has been derived by the petitioner.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed custody certificate of the petitioner today in the Court and the same is taken on record. According to the custody certificate, the petitioner is already behind bars for the last 6 months and 8 days and no other case is pending against the petitioner.

Looking at the totality of facts and circumstances and in view of the fact that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take long time, therefore, no fruitful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The present petition is, therefore, allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

09.11.2022

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>