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

CRM-M-55555-2022

Date of Decision: 06.12.2022

Paramjit

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Jitender K. Sehrawat, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen S. Panwar, DAG, Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.420 dated 09.08.2022, under Sections 419, 420, 170, 384 & 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 21.08.2022 and the investigation of the case has already been completed and thereafter, challan has also been presented before the competent Court. He further submitted that even as per the allegation contained in the FIR itself, four persons whose name have not been mentioned in the FIR had come to the premises of the complainant and had demanded Rs.3 lacs and out of fear, the complainant had paid Rs.2,40,000/- and thereafter, they kept on demanding remaining Rs.60,000/-

on the pretext that they belong to some CIA staff. He also submitted that in fact there was a financial dispute between the parties pertaining to some interlock tiles due to which the present FIR was registered in order to pressurize the petitioner. He further submitted that be that as it may, the investigation of the case has been completed and thereafter, challan has also been presented and the other co-accused, namely, Ananad, who is at parity with the present petitioner has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-54957-2022 on 02.12.2022 and since the petitioner is at parity with the aforesaid co-accused, he may also be considered for the grant regular bail.

On the other hand, Mr. Naveen S. Panwar, DAG, Haryana has submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is at parity with the aforesaid co-accused but there is a slight difference that the petitioner is involved in one more case. He further submitted that it is also correct that the police has completed the investigation of the present case and challan has also been presented before the competent Court.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The investigation of the case has already been completed by the police and the allegation pertain to an amount of Rs.2,40,000/-, which can only be seen and ascertained at the time of adducing the evidence at the time of trial. The other co-accused, namely, Ananad has already been granted regular bail by this Court on 02.12.2022. Furthermore, it is not the case of the State not it has been argued by the learned State counsel that in case the petitioner is released on bail then he may abscond or flee from justice or may influence any witness or may tamper with the evidence. Therefore, this

Court is of the view that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail.

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.

06.12.2022

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

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