

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

Sr. No.214

CRM-M-2819-2023

Date of Decision : January 24, 2023

Sumit

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kotla, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Himmat Singh, DAG, Haryana.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in FIR No.548, dated 07.08.2021, registered at Police Station Old Industrial, Panipat, under Sections 302, 365, 34 IPC and (Section 365 IPC added later on).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been in custody for almost one and a half years. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 04 Pws out of 17 Pws have been examined till date. There is one other criminal case under the Public Gambling Act, 1867 pending against the petitioner. The petitioner has been named as an accused only on the basis of suspicion and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 23.01.2023 digitally signed by Smt.Geeta Rani, Deputy Superintendent, District Prison, Panipat has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year, 05 months and 06 days and there is one other criminal case under the Public Gambling Act, 1867 pending against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel concedes that the petitioner has been named in the FIR on the basis of suspicion. He also concedes that only 04 Pws out of 17 Pws have been examined till date.

In view of the above, it is evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. It is also evident that the petitioner has been named primarily on the basis of suspicion. Keeping in view of these facts, I deem it appropriate to grant him regular bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. He is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

January 24, 2023

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

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