

213 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-4161-2023
DECIDED ON: 2nd FEBRUARY, 2023

BANT SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Himanshu Puri, Advocate for
Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (ORAL)

The jurisdiction of this Court under Section 439 Cr.P.C., has been invoked for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 368, dated 22.08.2022, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 177, and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has only signed the surety bond as second witness and he has not impersonated himself as someone else. It is asserted that the petitioner is 72 years of age and facing various ailments. The assertion is that there is no fraudulent or dishonest intention on the part of the petitioner as he is not the beneficiary of the transaction which took place between the parties to the agreement.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. AG, Punjab

accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State, who has produced the custody certificate of the petitioner today in Court, which is taken on record. According to which, the petitioner is behind bars for the last 5 months and 09 days and is not involved in any other case.

Considering the age of the petitioner and the facts that challan stands presented; conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, this Court is of considered view that no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars for an indefinite period.

The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The petition stands allowed.

2nd FEBRUARY, 2023

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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