

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

**CRM-M-6194-2023
DECIDED ON: 10.02.2023**

SUMIT CHAURASIA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF UT CHD.

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. Rajnikant Upadhyay, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking regular bail in FIR No.57, dated 01.09.2022, under Sections 420, 120-B of the IPC, 1860 (Sections 407 and 411 of the IPC, 1860 added during investigation and Section 409 has been deleted during investigation), registered at Police Station, Sector-19, Chandigarh.

Ms. Vasundhara Dalal Anand, APP, UT has put in appearance on behalf of respondent and filed the custody certificate, which is taken on record. According to the custody certificate, the petitioner is behind the bars for the last 5 months and 4 days, though, there are other cases of the similar nature pending against the petitioner but the petitioner is on bail in all those cases as has been stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State contends that the investigation is complete, wherein challan was filed on 04.06.2022 and

charges were framed on 04.08.2022. She further contends that the petitioner is in custody since 06.09.2022 and as no recovery is to be effected from the possession of the petitioner, therefore, the petitioner is not required for any further custodial interrogation in any manner.

Considering the aforesaid stand taken by the learned State counsel and the custody period apart from the fact that the charges stands framed on 04.08.2022, wherein trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The present petition is, hereby, allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

10.02.2023

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