

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-8292-2023

Date of decision: 21.02.2023

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....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Govind Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Sihag, AAG, Haryana.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No. 46 dated 19.10.2021 under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 66-C, 66-D of the IT Act, registered at Police Station Cyber Crime, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 24.06.2022. The allegations against the petitioner are that he was not named in the FIR. The transaction was between the co-accused Aman, who is in custody and it is on his disclosure statement that the petitioner has been involved in the present case but no specific role has been attributed to him even in it. He further submits that the matter stands compromised with the complainant vide affidavit of the complainant dated 11.10.2022 as also the compromise deed, Annexure P-2. The other cases in which the petitioner is involved, he is on regular bail. The investigation qua the petitioner is complete; the challan has been presented; there

are a total 14 prosecution witnesses and the trial is likely to take sufficiently long time.

Mr. Vishal Pundir, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and files Vakalatnama, which is taken on record. He affirms the factum of having compromised the matter vide Annexure P-2 and has no objection in case the bail is granted to the petitioner as no grievance subsists.

Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner is involved in other cases also. However, he is unable to controvert the other submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner in particular with regard to custody, stage of the trial and the challan against the petitioner has been presented.

Heard.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner has been in custody since 24.06.2022; matter has been compromised; challan has been presented; charges are yet to be framed and there are a total of 14 prosecution witnesses; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, his further detention behind bars would not serve any useful purpose, thus the present petition for grant of regular bail deserves to be allowed.

As a result, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to him not being required in any other case. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

1. The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
2. The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
3. The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.

- 4. The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- 5. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- 6. The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- 7. The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks to change any of the aforesaid, the same shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.
- 8. The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the Trial Court forthwith and in case, he does not have the passport, he shall furnish a specific affidavit in this regard.

It is made clear that in case of any infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

In view of the above, this Court makes it clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

21.02.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No