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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.209 **CRM-M-10463-2023 (O&M)**

Date of decision : 21.03.2023

Madan Gopal ..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana ..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Himmat Singh, DAG, Haryana

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SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

Status report dated 20.03.2023 has been filed in Court on behalf of the State. The same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.454 dated 25.08.2022, registered at Police Station Narnaud, District Hansi, under Sections 201, 204, 420, 467, 468, 471 & 120-B IPC and Sections 82 & 83 of the Registration Act, 1908.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been custody for more than 06 months. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 02 witnesses have been examined out of 19 PWs. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner. Co-accused, namely, Sarjevan @ Sanjay has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 01.02.2023 passed in CRM-M-257-2023. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

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Custody certificate dated 18.03.2023 digitally signed by Sh. Kuldeep Sharma, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail No.1, Hisar, has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 06 months and 11 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel concedes that there are a total of 19 PWs and that only 02 PWs have been examined as yet. He also concedes that co-accused, namely, Sarjevan @ Sanjay has been granted regular bail.

Keeping in view the clean antecedents of the petitioner, period of custody undergone as well as in view of the principle of parity, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to him. The petition is allowed and it is directed that the petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

21.03.2023
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Whether speaking / reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable No

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