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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 23.03.2023

Jagjit Singh alias Jagga

... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present : Mr. Munish, Advocate for
Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurdarshan Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA, J.(Oral)

Petitioner has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No. 180 dated 19.09.2022, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

The brief facts of the case are that the FIR was registered on the secret information that the petitioner along with Jatinder Singh alias Raja, Harpeet Singh alias Happy and other accomplices used to forge and fabricate the registration certificates of vehicles, insurance cover, driving

licenses etc. by taking huge amount from the innocent people by projecting the same to be genuine documents. On the basis of this, the petitioner along with above said accomplices were apprehended along with other articles /forged documents from their possession.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 23.09.2022. He submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He contends that challan stands presented and there is no other case pending against the petitioner and the co-accused Harpreet Singh alias Happy has already been allowed bail by the trial Court under Section 167(2) Cr.P.C. He further submits that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the petitioner be enlarged on bail.

Custody certificate has been filed by the respondent-State, which is taken on record. Even though learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that the offence alleged against the petitioner is serious in nature, however, he does not dispute the fact that challan stands presented and the co-accused has already been allowed bail by the trial Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Petitioner is in incarceration since 23.09.2022.

It is not a case made out by the respondent-State that in case concession of bail is granted to the petitioner, he would hamper the course of free and fair trial. Further, since the challan stands presented and the co-accused has already been allowed bail and there are no other antecedents

and the trial would take sufficient time, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars

Resultantly, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes /No