

CRM-M-30410-2022

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

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Decided on:-16.03.2023

Jagsir Singh @ Sandeep Singh

....Petitioner..

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. D.S. Malwai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, AAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA J.

By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail during pendency of trial in case FIR No.09 dated 14.02.2022, under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C IPC (Section 489-D IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Bajakhana, District Faridkot.

As per the allegations, the petitioner was having material for making fake currency and to plant fake currency.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is behind the bars for more than 1 year now and the investigation in the present case already stands concluded with the filing of challan, followed by framing of charges and trial is likely to take some time as only 01 witness has been examined out of total of 08 witnesses cited by the prosecution, as such, no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer

made in the present petition on the ground that there are substantial material found against the petitioner during the investigation and, thus, prays for dismissal of present petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book. I find merits in the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner.

Considering the facts that the petitioner is already behind the bars for the last more than 1 year now and the investigation in the present case already stands concluded with the filing of challan followed by framing of charges and trial is likely to take some time as only 01 witness has been examined out of total of 14 witnesses cited by the prosecution, no useful purpose is going to be served by extending the incarceration of the petitioner, besides it, there is no other case pending against him.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

16.03.2023

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(HARKESH MANUJA)**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/ No