

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-41824-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29.08.2023

SATPAL

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Harminder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohinder Singh Joshi, Additional AG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT. J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.25 dated 14.02.2023 registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B and 34 IPC (Section 201 IPC added subsequently vide rapat No.23 dated 11.03.2023) at Police Station Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case due to party faction in the village. He further contends that the petitioner, being the member of Panchayat had appended his signatures on the bail/surety bonds of Tejinder Singh @ Prince in a bona fide manner. He further contends that the petitioner has been arrested in the present case on 10.03.2023 and is in custody for the last more than 05 months. He further contends that the petitioner is a first offender and the challan against him has already been presented. Thus, the conclusion of the trial will take long time.

Moreover, all the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate.

3. On the other hand, the learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the grant of concession of bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner has committed a serious offence and he may influence the witnesses of the prosecution.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

29.08.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No