

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

CRM-M-43503-2023

Date of decision : 28.11.2023

Sachin Verma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Ashish Grewal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Singh, AAG., Haryana.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 29 dated 25.01.2023 (Annexure P-1), under Section 489B of IPC registered at Police Station Sector-14, District Panchkula.

(2) Allegations are that petitioner along with co-accused had printed and circulated counterfeit Indian currency.

(3) Contends that petitioner was not named in the FIR; rather nominated on the basis of disclosure made by co-accused-Mohammed Mushtekeim. Also contends that petitioner is an innocent person and has been falsely implicated by the police. Lastly contends that he is ready to join the investigation; thus, petitioner be granted the pre-arrest bail.

(4) *Per contra*, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer submits that matter is under investigation and there are two other criminal cases of similar nature pending against the petitioner. Also submits that dealing in fake currency is a serious offence, as it affects the economy of the nation; thus, he prayed for dismissal of petition.

- (5) Heard both sides and perused paper-book.
- (6) It transpires from status report dated 27.09.2023 that petitioner is facing two other criminal cases of similar nature and which are as under:-

FIR No.	Under Section	Police Station	Status
354/2022	489(A),(B),(C) IPC	Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	On Bail, under investigation
55/2023	489(A),(B),(C) 120B IPC	Chappar, Yamuna Nagar	On Bail next date of hearing is 25.09.2023 for prosecution evidence

- (7) Perusal of the above tabulation reveals that petitioner is habitual offender indulging in such activities. Therefore, his custodial interrogation would be necessary to find out the modus operandi in preparing the fake currency notes.
- (8) As a result thereof, there is no option except to dismiss the petition.
- (9) Ordered accordingly.
- (10) The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
- (11) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

28.11.2023
Harish Kumar

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No