

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

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CRM-M-51145 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:10th January, 2023

Ravi Bhardwaj

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. J.K. Goel, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Samarth Sagar, Addl. AG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is second petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 347 dated 3.10.2018, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Madhuban, Karnal.

Earlier petition was dismissed as withdrawn on 19.4.2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that co-accused were granted bail by this Court vide order dated 13.9.2019 and he claims parity. It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 22.11.2021, investigation is complete, challan stands presented and not even a single prosecution witness has been examined till date.

Learned State counsel though opposes the prayer for bail but is not disputing the fact that two co-accused were granted bail by this Court and that the trial is not progressing.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case and the fact that no further recovery is to be made from the petitioner, conclusion of trial is likely to take time and co-accused were granted bail by this Court, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

10th January, 2023

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>