

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-58794-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.01.2023

BRIJESH KUMAR

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Gopal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, AAG Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.252 dated 17.10.2022, under Sections 384, 507 and 511 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case on account of the fact that he was a co-employee with the complainant. He further submits that there is a delay of 10 days in registering the FIR. The FIR was initially registered under Section 384 IPC, however, challan was presented under Section 387 IPC along with Sections 507 and 511 IPC. The allegations levelled in the FIR was that the complainant received an extortion call, which he submits has been made by co-accused Aman. He further submits that in the voice recording, there is no demand of any money. It has been further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case. He is in custody since 11.11.2022. Charges have been framed and in all there are 20 prosecution

witnesses to be examined and the trial will take sufficiently long time.

Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody since 11.11.2022; petitioner is not involved in any other case; charges have been framed; none out of the 20 prosecution witnesses has been examined; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, his further detention behind bars would not serve any useful purpose, thus the present petition for grant of regular bail deserves to be allowed.

As a result, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to him not being required in any other case. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

1. The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
2. The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
3. The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
4. The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
5. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
6. The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
7. The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks

to change any of the aforesaid, the same shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.

8. The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the Trial Court forthwith and in case, he does not have the passport, he shall furnish a specific affidavit in this regard.

It is made clear that in case of any infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

In view of the above, this Court makes it clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

January 10, 2023

S.Sharma(syr)

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