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

CRM-M-59559-2023

Date of Decision: 01.12.2023

Abhidh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Shokeen Singh Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, P.P., U.T., Chandigarh with
Mr. Rajiv Vij, A.P.P., U.T. Chandigarh.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.119 dated 16.07.2023, under Sections 419 and 420 IPC and lateron added 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sector-11, Chandigarh.

2. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 16.07.2023. He further submitted that it is a case where the allegations against the petitioner are that he had impersonated one another co-accused, namely, Sunil for the purpose of taking of CTU Driver Recruitment Exam. He also submitted that the investigation of the case has already been completed and thereafter, challan has also been presented before the competent Court and it is a case which is triable by the Magistrate and the trial of the case may take long time. He further submitted that the petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case. He also submitted that the aforesaid co-accused, namely, Sunil has

already been extended the benefit of regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-47572-2023 on 08.11.2023 vide Annexure P-3 and therefore, the petitioner may also be considered for grant of regular bail.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Manish Bansal, P.P. with Mr. Rajiv Vij, learned Addl. P.P., U.T., Chandigarh has filed custody certificate of the petitioner and while referring to the same, he submitted that the petitioner is in custody for 4 months and 14 days and he is not involved in any other case. He further submitted that it is correct that the investigation of the case has been completed and the aforesaid co-accused has been granted regular bail by this Court vide Annexure P-3.

4. Considering the allegation against the petitioner and the fact that the investigation of the case has already been completed and the present case is triable by the Magistrate and also the fact that the petitioner is not involved in any other case, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

5. Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

6. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is only meant for the purpose of decision of present petition.

01.12.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
2. Whether reportable:	Yes/No