

S. No.222

2023:PHHC:163945

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

CRM-M-62972 of 2023

Date of Decision:20.12.2023

Rakesh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

**Present:- Mr. Rao Ajender Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.**

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (Oral)

By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.134 dated 14.02.2023 registered under Sections 420, 120-B, 201 IPC and Sections 66-C, 66-D of Information Technology Act, 2000 and Section 8(4) of Haryana Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2021 at Police Station Samalkha, District Panipat.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that principal accused Manbir Thind has already been allowed bail by co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 03.11.2023 passed in CRM-M-53747 of 2023, copy of which is Annexure P.5. Another co-accused, namely, Satyawart, who is similarly placed to that of the petitioner, has also been allowed bail. Two more accused, namely, Kapil alias Kapil Sandhu and Pardeep, have been allowed bail by this Court vide orders dated 28.11.2023 and 29.11.2023 in CRM-M-58709 of 2023 and CRM-M-58191 of 2023 respectively, copies of which have been placed on record. Learned counsel contends that case of the petitioner is on same footing.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Randhir Singh, Addl. AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State.

Learned State Counsel could not refute the afore-said contentions to the effect that case of the petitioner is not different from co-accused Satyawart and that of Manbir.

In view of the afore-said circumstances and particularly on the ground of parity, but without commenting on the merits of the case, present petition is allowed. Petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

December 20, 2023

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Whether Speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

(DEEPAK GUPTA)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No