

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

**CRM-M No. 1990 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.04.2024**

Satbir Singh Gill

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Ajit Singh Lamba, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in case bearing FIR No.281, dated 21.10.2023, under Sections 420 & 120-B of IPC (Sections 170, 467, 468, 471 & 201 of IPC added later on) and Sections 8(1) & 8(4) of the Haryana Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2021 (for short “the Act, 2021”) (Section 8(1) of the Act, 2021 deleted later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Tohana, District Fatehabad, wherein he was implicated with the allegations of having taken huge amount from the candidates appearing for Group-D’s Common Eligibility Test-2023 being conducted by Haryana Staff Selection Commission in pursuant to Advertisement No. 01/2023 in District Fatehabad.

[2] Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, while submitting that the petitioner was arrested at

the spot possessing admit cards of 12 students, 10 blank cheques obtained from the students / victims, besides his mobile phone and the four original mark sheets of the candidates.

[3] I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

[4] In the present case, investigation stands concluded with the filing of challan, followed by framing of charges; the petitioner is behind the bars since 21.10.2023, i.e. for the past six months by now and the conclusion of trial may take some time. Also, the petitioner is not involved in any other case. Moreover, the similarly situated co-accused, namely Poonam Gill, has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 22.12.2023 passed in CRM-M-61820-2023, titled “*Poonam Gill Versus State of Haryana*”. Considering the aforesaid facts, I do not deem it appropriate to extend the incarceration of the petitioner any further.

[5] In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the present petition, the same is **allowed**. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

[6] It is made clear that this order may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

April 22, 2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No