

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-6657-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.02.2024

Ravi Alias Lala

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kotla, Advocate for the applicant.

Mr. Vishal Kashyap, DAG, Haryana.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

CRM-9233-2024

1. This is an application filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C for preponement of the date of hearing in the main case from 15.03.2024 to an early date.

2. For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and the date of hearing in the main case is preponed from 15.03.2024 to today and the same is taken on board today itself for hearing.

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1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.278 dated 20.07.2023, under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act and Sections 420, 120-B, 467, 468, 471 of IPC added later on, registered at

Police Station Bilaspur, District Gurugram.

2. As per allegations in the FIR, the police received secret information and thereafter, apprehended one Trola No.HR-46-D-9591 driven by co-accused Goverdhan. On checking of the said Trola, 343 cartons containing halves of Imperial Blue, 361 cartons containing quarters of Imperial Blue and 351 cartons of bottles of Imperial Blue were recovered from the said vehicle wherein one another person namely Naveen was also travelling. During investigation, it was found that certain documents were forged by the petitioner and co-accused Vikas Khatri in connivance with Navneet @ Sonu and Neetu.

3. In the instant case, driver Goverdhan and conductor Naveen who were arrested at the spot were granted bail by the police at the spot. Thereafter, co-accused Navneet @ Sonu similarly situated co-accused was arrested by the police and granted bail by this Court dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure P-2) while similarly situated co-accused Vikas Khatri was granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 24.01.2024 (Annexure P-3). Petitioner is presently lodged in judicial custody and the offences are triable by the Court of Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class and it will take time for the police to present the challan and the concerned documents are already taken into custody by the police. Further the petitioner was not named in the FIR and was later on nominated as accused on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Goverdhan who along with conductor Navneet @ Sonu was arrested at the spot. Admissibility and veracity of the said disclosure statement will be tested during trial. In the given circumstances, no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any

longer period. It is not disputed that the petitioner is on bail in all the other criminal cases faced by him as are detailed in the custody certificate.

4. Consequently, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned, if the petitioner is not required by the police in any other criminal case.

5. All the pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

29.02.2024
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(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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