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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10029-2024
Date of decision: 07.03.2024

Rajesh Puri
...Petitioner
Versus
State of U.T., Chandigarh
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Rohit Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Manish Bansal, PP, U.T., Chandigarh

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case having FIR No.278 dated 04.09.2023, under Sections 420/467/468/471 of IPC, at Police Station Sector-36, U.T., Chandigarh.
2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 6 months and is having no criminal history and the trial is at its initial stage and it will take time for the trial to conclude. So prayer is made that the petitioner who is presently lodged in judicial custody be granted bail during the pendency of the trial.
3. On the other hand, the present petition is resisted by the State counsel who submits that the petitioner submitted surety bonds in another

criminal case before the Court and while doing so, he has forged the Adhar Card in order to conceal his identity before the Court concerned. It is further submitted that FIR in this case is registered only on the basis of the complaint lodged in this regard by the Court concerned.

4. Further, the UT counsel has not disputed the fact that petitioner is in custody for the last 6 months and is having no criminal antecedents and on completion of investigation, police has presented the challan but till date, prosecution is unable to examine any witness on its behalf.

5. I have considered the submissions made by counsel for the parties.

6. All the offences appear to be triable by the Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class. The petitioner who was arrested on 04.09.2023 is presently lodged in judicial custody and on conclusion of investigation, the challan stands presented but the trial is at its initial stage and it will take time for its termination. In the given circumstances, no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period.

7. Consequently, without expressing 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.

07.03.2024

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**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned:-
Whether reportable:-**

**Yes/No
Yes/No**