

231 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-17357-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:16.04.2024

Gurditta Singh @ Guraditta Singh @ Gondal @ Godal
.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. PKS Phoolka Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.117 dated 06.07.2023 registered under Sections 489-B/489-C/420/34 IPC at Police Station Nehianwala District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated along with his co-accused Joti singh with the alleged possession of 99 notes of Rs.100/- denomination of forged currency and that the said co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 04.03.2024 passed in CRM-M-10479-2024.

3. The prayer made on behalf of the petitioner has been opposed by learned State counsel by referring to the serious nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner besides recovery of forged currency. He further submits that the petitioner is also involved in three more FIRs.

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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.
5.

In the present case, the investigation has already been concluded with the filing of challan, followed by framing of charges on 19.02.2024. Petitioner is behind the bars for more than 09 months and he is also on bail in the other three FIRs registered against him.
6.

Considering the fact that the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of more than 09 months and the trial is likely to take sometime in its culmination, I do not find any justification to extend the incarceration of the petitioner.
7.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARKESH MANUJA)

JUDGE

April 16, 2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No

Whether reportable :Yes/ No