



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21840-2024

Date of Decision: 29.07.2024

Saurabh Bhardwaj

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Munish Behl, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajinder Kumar Banku, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.0552 dated 01.10.2023 registered under Sections 120-B, 177, 193, 419, 467, 468 & 471 of IPC, 1860 (Section 192 IPC inadvertently mentioned in order dated 04.04.2024, Annexure P-2) at Police Station Ambala City, District Ambala.

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by the Reader of the trial Court. As per prosecution, the bail bonds and surety bonds submitted in a criminal case were found to be forged and fabricated.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that at the time when the bail bonds and surety bonds were furnished before the concerned Court, the petitioner was already in custody and it was impossible for him to arrange the sureties. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 17.11.2023 and is in custody for the last more than 8 months. The final



report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been submitted before the Court and the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner. Moreover, one more FIR No.39 dated 16.02.2023 under Section 20-B NDPS Act, Police Station GRP, Ambala Cantt. Ambala has been registered against the present petitioner. However, he admits that the petitioner is on bail in the said case.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented before the Court. However, no witness has been examined so far. Consequently, there are no chances of early conclusion of the trial.

7. Without commenting 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 bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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