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

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Date of Decision : **August 08, 2024**

BABLESH KUMAR PANDEY

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Baljeet Beniwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, D.A.G., Haryana.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.168 dated 14.10.2023, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Rpozka Meo, District Nuh.

2. The prosecution agency was set into motion on a complaint made by one Ombir son of Shish Ram, thereby, making allegations that the petitioner in order to get jobs in the Railway Department, duped the complainant and others for an amount of Rs.13 lacs.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner in the asking for the relief (supra) submits that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of about 8 months as on today. He further submits that the trial is at initial stage and the conclusion of trial would take a long time. He also submits that out of



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total 4 accused arraigned in the FIR, 1 accused was declared innocent during investigation, one accused Manish was granted the relief of anticipatory bail by this Court and his father, namely, Sunil Pandey has already been extended the relief of regular bail by the learned trial Court concerned itself.

4. The learned State counsel, on the other hand, informs this Court that the charges in the instant case were framed way back on 16.3.2024 and as on date out of total 12 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 5 have been examined so far.

5. Considering the days of incarceration i.e. about 8 months and the fact that the petitioner has clean antecedents and the stage of the trial, this Court is of the view that further incarceration of the petitioner is not warranted.

6. In view of the above, this Court deems it fit and appropriate to extend the benefit of regular bail to the petitioner. Therefore, the present petition is **allowed**.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing of bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

8. However, anything observed here-in-above shall have no effect on the merits of the case and is meant for deciding the present petition only.

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No