

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-29983-2022
Date of Decision: 13.2.2024

Raman Kumar Sharma

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Ms. Meena, Advocate for
Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Inderjeet Singh Ladher, DAG, Punjab

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0133 dated 11.8.2021 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C IPC at Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran.

2. The allegations in nutshell are that on 11.8.2021, the police received secret information against the petitioner and co-accused/Hardeep Singh and then the police went to the disclosed place and apprehended both the accused who at that time were travelling on a motorcycle driven by co-accused/Hardeep Singh while the petitioner was sitting on its pillion seat. On search of the present petitioner, 60 fake currency notes of denomination of ₹ 200/- each and 87 counterfeit currency notes of denomination of ₹ 500/- each totaling ₹ 55,500/- were recovered while 73 fake currency notes of denomination of ₹ 2000/- each i.e. ₹ 1,46,000/- were recovered from

possession of co-accused/Hardeep Singh. There are also allegations that subsequently, the police also recovered printer, stationery material and some other articles used in manufacture of fake currency notes at the instance of both the accused.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and is in custody for the last more than 2 years and 6 months and it will take time for the trial to conclude. It is further submitted that the petitioner is also facing one another criminal case of similar nature wherein he is in custody.

4. Present petition is resisted by the State counsel who, while filing status report by way of affidavit of Ravisher Singh, DSP, Sub Division Khadur Sahib camp at Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran, submits that large number of fake currency notes were recovered from the accused persons and later on, recovery of colour printer, cutter and stationery used to prepare fake currency notes was also effected at the instance of the accused persons including the petitioner. It is further contended that the trial is going on. State counsel further submits that the petitioner is facing serious charges. So, prayer is made that the present petition be dismissed. However, the State counsel has not disputed the fact that co-accused/Hardeep Singh having similar allegations is already granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 30.11.2023.

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

6. Recoveries of fake currency notes and other articles are already effected in this case. The petitioner is in custody for the last more than 2 years and 6 months and it will take time for the trial to culminate. In the

given circumstances, no purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period even if he is also facing one another criminal case of similar nature. Admittedly, co-accused/Hardeep Singh is already given benefit of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 30.11.2023.

7. In view of the above, without commenting 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 bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

February 13, 2024
Paritosh Kumar

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