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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-36184-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 02.08.2024

Jasmeet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Ms. Satwant Mehta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Adeshwar Singh Pannu, AAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.21 dated 26.01.2021, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar (Rural).

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in custody for 11 months and it is a case where as per the allegations, the petitioner had impersonated one Manjeet and thereafter induced the complainant to execute an agreement to sell, on the basis of such impersonation and thereafter, he received an amount of Rs. 48,00,000/- by cash. She submitted that the investigation of the case is already complete and challan has already been presented and even the charges have been framed on 23.11.2022 and therefore, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioner may be considered for the

grant of regular bail. She also submitted that earlier although the petitioner



was declared as proclaimed offender because his petition for grant of anticipatory bail was dismissed but now the petitioner undertakes to cause appearance on each and every date before the learned trial Court.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Adeshwar Singh Pannu, learned AAG, Punjab has submitted that so far as the custody of the petitioner is concerned, the same is correct and it is also correct that after the investigation of the case challan was presented and charges have been framed and three prosecution witnesses have already been examined. He submitted that since the petitioner is involved in four more cases, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

4. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

5. The petitioner is stated to be in custody for 11 months and investigation of the case has been completed and allegations were with regard to execution of an agreement to sell by impersonating one Manjeet Singh and thereafter receiving an amount of Rs. 48,00,000/- from the complainant stated to be in cash. This Court is of the considered view that the mere fact that the petitioner is involved in four more cases out of which two are stated to be similar in nature cannot become a ground for denial of bail to the petitioner. So far as the petitioner being declared as a proclaimed offender earlier and thereafter arrest is concerned, the same was because when the FIR was registered and he absconded and his anticipatory bail at that point of time was dismissed. However, the present petition is for grant of regular bail and learned counsel for the petitioner has also undertaken on behalf of the petitioner that he will appear before the learned trial Court on each and every date. Furthermore, it is not the case of the State that in case



tamper with evidence or may flee from justice.

6. Therefore, considering the totality of facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

7. Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on regular bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

8. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is meant for the purpose of deciding the present petition only.

02.08.2024

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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