

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

Neutral Citation No. **2024:PHHC:040036**
CRM-M-53759-2023
Date of Decision: March 20, 2024

Sukhwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. G.S. Goraya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sumit Jain, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

By way of present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for his release on regular bail in a case arising out of FIR No.332 dated 14.10.2016, under Section 406, 420 of IPC, registered at Police Station Barwala, District Hisar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely involved in the case; that co-accused Mehar Singh, who had allegedly collected the money, as per prosecution allegations, has already been granted the benefit of pre-arrest bail. Learned counsel contends further that all the offences are triable by the Magistrate; that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 02 months; and that the trial may take long time to conclude, so he be allowed bail.

3. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition by submitting that petitioner is involved in another case of similar nature. However, it is conceded by learned State counsel that the offences in question are triable by the Magistrate.

4. Custody certificate placed on record by learned State counsel would reveal that petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 02 months and 16 days. Learned State counsel also informs that out of 21 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 05 have been examined so far. Thus the trial is likely to take long time to conclude. No purpose shall be served by keeping the petitioner detained.

5. Considering all the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, petitioner is admitted to bail. He is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

Allowed.

March 20, 2024

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(DEEPAK GUPTA)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No