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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-55223-2023

Date of Decision: 29.02.2024

Inderjit Singh alias Inder

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**Present :** Mr.Vishavjeet Singh Rishi, Advocate for
Ms. Divya Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.M.S.Bajwa, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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 in case FIR No.146 dated 10.05.2018 registered under Sections 177, 199, 200, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been wrongly involved in the present case and he had no connection with the accused, who were facing prosecution under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner was nominated as an accused in the present case on the basis of the disclosure statement made by Gagandeep Singh alias Gagan, co-accused and Gagandeep Singh alias Gagan has already been ordered to be released on bail by this Court, vide order dated 27.03.2019 in CRM-M-54280-2018 (Annexure P-3). He further submits that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on

15.05.2023 and is in custody since then. He further submits that the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented against him.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that one more case under NDPS Act has been registered against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

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

5. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 15.05.2023 and is in custody since then. The final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented against him. Apart from that, co-accused Gagandeep Singh @ Gagan has already been ordered to be released on bail by this Court, vide order dated 27.03.2019 (Annexure P-3) and the case of the petitioner is on better footing from him.

6. 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.

29.02.2024.
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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