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

CRM-M-54762-2024**Date of Decision: 11.11.2024**

Gagandeep Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Rajiv Kumar Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajinder Kumar Banku, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.360 dated 20.08.2020 registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 474, 198, 201, 120-B of IPC; Section 12(1)B of Passport Act; Sections 7, 8 and 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act; Section 66C, 66D of IT Act, 2000, at Police Station City, Tohana, District Fatehabad.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not initially named in the FIR and has been arrayed as an accused on the basis of the statement made by co-accused in the police custody. He further contends that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 12.03.2021 and the trial has not progressed against him. Learned counsel for the petitioner has referred to the orders (Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively), passed by this Court, whereby similarly placed co-accused, namely, Surjit Singh and Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi have been granted the concession of bail by this Court. He further



contends that even other co-accused, namely, Anil Bhatia, Monu Sachdeva, Jayant Singh, Jobanpreet Singh, Manjinder Singh @ Mani, Amritpreet @ Amritpal Singh, Kevin Sushant, Resham Singh and Jagpreet Singh have also been admitted to bail by this Court.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court. However, he could not dispute the fact that similarly placed co-accused, namely, Surjit Singh and Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi have already been granted the concession of bail by this Court.

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

5. The petitioner is in custody since last 03 years and 8 months. Even the petitioner is facing other criminal cases, but it is also admitted position that similarly placed co-accused have also been admitted to bail by this Court vide orders (Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively). Thus, no purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

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.

11.11.2024.
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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