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

CRM-M-55302-2024**Date of Decision: 13.11.2024**

Kuldeep

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

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

Present : Ms. Shivani Jaglan, 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 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.222 dated 24.12.2021 registered under Sections 120-B, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC and Section 13(1)d & 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, at Police Station Sanoli, District Panipat.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and the allegations have been primarily targetted against Vikas Kumar @ Deepak Singh, main accused. She further contends that Vikas Kumar @ Deepak Singh had used forged documents including Aadhar card, Bank records and other identity proofs to obtain a passport. She further contends that co-accused Amit and Bijender Singh, who had assisted Vikas Kumar @ Deepak Singh by verifying his identity during police verification, have already been granted the concession of bail vide orders Annexures P-2 and



P-3 respectively. Another co-accused, namely, Rajan @ Mantri has already been admitted to bail vide order dated 24.03.2023 (Annexure P-4), passed by this Court. She further contends that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 15.08.2024 and 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 the petitioner is involved in a serious crime of forgery of official documents and 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 not initially named in the FIR, even though at a later on, he has been shown to be a conspirator in a crime. Primarily, the allegations have been levelled against Vikas Kumar @ Deepak Singh, who is already in custody. The petitioner has faced incarceration for a period of about 03 months and challan has already been presented against him. Thus, further custody of the petitioner will not serve any meaningful purpose.

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.

13.11.2024.
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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