



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

CRM-M-61266-2024

Date of decision : 19.12.2024

Prabhu Jagdeep Patwa

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Ms. Navneet Kaur Waraich, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner, who is in custody since 20.05.2023 in relation to offences of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy, has filed this petition for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 12 dated 15.05.2023 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Cyber Sonipat, District Sonipat.

2. Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner has criminal antecedents. He informs that charge-sheet in the matter was filed on 14.08.2023 and charges were framed on 19.12.2023.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that similarly placed co-accused of the petitioner have since been released on regular bail.

4. Though the petitioner has criminal antecedents, but considering the fact that he is in custody since more than one and half years and not even a



single prosecution witness has been examined, as has been informed by learned State counsel, right to speedy trial appears to have been breached.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- with two sureties, out of whom one will be a local surety, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Ilaqa/Duty Magistrate, subject to the condition that he shall plant 10 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the trial court within a period of 15 days and if there is no such intimation submitted or intimation is found to be incorrect, then the State can move an application for cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

6. The petition stands allowed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

December 19, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No