



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

CRM-M-64439-2024

Date of decision : 19.12.2024

Mohammed Shafique Gori

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Naveen Siwach, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner is in custody since 22.10.2024 in relation to offences of cheating and forgery and offence punishable under the Information Technology Act, is praying for regular bail in FIR No. 23 dated 12.09.2024 under Sections 308 (2), 318 (4), 319 (2), 61 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 and Sections 66 C and 66 D of the Information Technology Act (Sections 337 and 338 BNS added later on) registered at Police Station State Cyber Crime, SAS Nagar Mohali, District SAS Nagar Mohali.

2. The petitioner is alleged to have made digital arrest of the complainant and extracted money from him. A large sum of amount was transferred in the account of co-accused and thereafter, it was transferred to the account of the petitioner, source of which is not explained.



3. Digital crimes of this nature are on the rise and, therefore, assume relevance and need to be dealt with heavy hands. Trial though has not started, but the charge sheet has been recently filed on 11.12.2024.
4. In view of gravity of the offence, it would be appropriate to allow the main prosecution witnesses to be examined.
5. Petition, for the time being, stands dismissed with liberty to the petitioner to re-visit the Court, after examination of main prosecution witnesses or if the trial gets further delayed, whichever is earlier.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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