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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-6696-2025

Date of Decision: 10.02.2025

Harbhagwan Singh alias Mithan

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Lovish Arora, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepinder Singh Brar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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.52 dated 05.04.2024 registered under Sections 489-A, 489-B, 489-C and 489-D of IPC (Section 489-D added later on), at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per allegations levelled by the prosecution, Kuldeep Singh alias Bangali, co-accused used to prepare the counterfeit currency notes in collusion with the petitioner and used to circulate the currency in the market. Further, Kuldeep Singh alias Bangali, co-accused was apprehended from bus stand and counterfeit currency notes of Rs.5,800/- were recovered from him. He further contends that Kuldeep Singh alias Bangali has already been admitted to bail by this Court, vide order dated 20.11.2024 passed in CRM-M-42491-2024 (Annexure P-3). After arrest of the



petitioner, challan has already been presented against him on 19.11.2024 and no useful purpose will be served by keeping him behind bars.

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.

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

5. It is not in dispute that Kuldeep Singh alias Bangali, co-accused has already been admitted to bail by this Court, vide order dated 20.11.2024 (Annexure P-3). The petitioner is in custody for the last more than 03 months and challan has already been presented against him. 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.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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