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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-57463-2024

Date of decision:-27.05.2025

KULWANT SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY.

Present:- Ms. Lovepreet Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Harpreet Maini, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.(ORAL)

Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of an affidavit dated 20.03.2025 of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-division Morinda, District Rupnagar, the same is taken on record, copy thereof, has been supplied to the counsel opposite.

2. The instant petition has been preferred by the petitioners under 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail in the following case (Annexure P-1):-

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
54	28.08.2024	179, 180, 181 of BNS 2023	Sadar Morinda, District Rupnagar

3. Arguments heard.

4. It is *inter alia* contended by learned counsel for the petitioner



that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case, he has no concern whatsoever with the allegations levelled in the FIR. He contends that as per FIR, petitioner was arrested on 28.08.2024 and the alleged recovery of 3 fake currency notes had been effected from him, with which he has no concern. The petitioner is in custody since 28.08.2024 and the conclusion of trial will take sufficient long time, hence prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel referring to the reply submitted by the State has opposed the bail petition by arguing that petitioner is involved in the racket of fake currency notes, therefore, considering the serious nature and gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to concession of bail. Hence prayed for dismissal of the bail petition.

5. After considering the rival contentions and perusing the record, it transpires that the petitioner apprehended on 28.08.2024 and recovery of 03 fake currency notes had been effected from him. After completion of investigation, challan has already been presented in Court, wherein it is pending trial. The conclusion of trial to ascertain criminal liability, if any, of the petitioner will take sufficient long time, as such, no purpose would be served by detaining petitioner in custody any longer.

6. Resultantly, in these circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned, if not required in any other case; undertaking to regularly appear on each and every date; not to leave



the country without prior permission of the Court; and not to tamper with the evidence of the prosecution in any manner.

7. Any observation made above shall not be construed as opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.

8. Pending application(s) if any shall also stand disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

27.05.2025

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |