

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB &
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.**

Crl. Misc. No. M-11178 of 2010

Date of decision: 31.5.2010

Jagroop Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Pannu, DAG, Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J. (oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 379, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station Sadar, Barnala, District Barnala, vide FIR No.20 dated 13th March, 2010.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been in custody since 13th March, 2010 and case is triable by Magistrate. He further submits that recovery of the vehicle, alleged to have been stolen, has already been effected.

Learned State counsel, on the instructions from Head Constable Satpal, P.S. Barnala, has opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the vehicle (Trolla) which was recovered, was bearing a fake registration number and the petitioner was found in possession of the same. He further submits that four other accused are still to be

apprehended and all out efforts are being made to trace them out.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and given careful thought to the facts of the case.

It is evident that the petitioner has been in custody for almost three months now and recovery has also been effected. In my considered view, no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody during the pendency of the trial as the trial may take long time to conclude. So, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate, Barnala.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

31.5.2010
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