

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

CRM-M-10722 of 2015

Date of decision: 28.04.2015

Manjinder Singh

-----Petitioner (s)

V/s

State of Punjab

-----Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?
2. To be referred to reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present:- Mr. J.S. Ghumman, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 CrPC is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.92 dated 10.6.2013 for having committed the offences punishable under Sections 436/427/148/149 IPC registered at Police Station City Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon order dated 23.3.2015 passed in CRM-M-3154 of 2015 *Charanjit Singh v. State of Punjab* (Annexure P3), order dated 23.3.2015 passed in CRM-M-5185 of 2015 *Ravi Shanker @ Ravi v. State of Punjab* (Annexure P4), order dated 4.2.2015 passed in CRM-M-2345-2015 *Sanjiv Kumar v. The State of Punjab* and order dated 21.5.2014 passed in CRM-M-43204 of 2013 *Sandeep Singh @*

Mota v. State of Punjab (Annexure P6) to contend that in similar circumstances, co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted regular bail by this Court. Learned counsel further submits that the case of the petitioner is similar to that of the co-accused referred to above. Learned counsel further argued that the petitioner is in custody since 12.7.2013 and no useful purpose will be served to further detain him in jail. The trial is going at a low pace and the same is not going to be concluded in the near future.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Neeraj Kumar, does not dispute the fact that similarly placed accused have already been granted bail. He further submitted that two witnesses have been examined.

Considering the fact that when co-accused of the petitioners have already been admitted to regular bail by this Court and trial is not going to be concluded in near future, as only 2 out of the 29 witnesses have yet been examined so far, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, on furnishing of his bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Needless to say that nothing observed here-in-above would reflect on the merits of the main case, in any manner, during the course of trial, as the same has been recorded for a limited purpose of deciding the present petition for regular bail.

April 28, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE