

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

Crl.Misc.No.M-11199 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision : 12.05.2015

Jasbir Singh alias Lucky

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present : Mr.M.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. K.S.Pannu, DAG, Punjab

MAHESH GROVER, J.

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in terms of Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR no. 60 dated 4.4.2012 registered under Sections 392, 454, 382, 506, 342, 148,149, 120-B, 411 IPC and under Sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act at Police Station City Batala, District Batala.

The petitioner alongwith few other persons is alleged to have entered the house of the complainant and committed dacoity. They were armed with kirpans, pistols, datars and other weapons.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since April, 2012 and challan was submitted in the same year but the charge has been framed in the year 2014 and 3 years have elapsed since he is custody without trial coming to an end.

The aforesaid facts are not controverted by the learned State counsel who however points out to the serious nature of the allegations against the petitioner.

On due consideration of the matter and noticing the fact that the petitioner is in custody since April, 2012 and the trial has not yet been concluded, the instant petition is allowed. It is directed that the petitioner be released on bail in terms of Section 439 Cr.P.C . Bail to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court.

Nothing said herein shall be construed to be an expression on the merits of the case.

May 12, 2015
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge