

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-23982 of 2015

Date of decision:31.07.2015

Gagan Bakshi

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NAVITA SINGH

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

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

Navita Singh, J. (Oral)

This petition has been moved by Gagan Bakshi under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail in case FIR No.135 dated 27.6.2004 registered under Sections 406 and 420 IPC at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar.

The petitioner is in custody since February 25, 2014 and it is submitted by the State Counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhchain Singh, Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar, that three witnesses have been examined out of a total list of forty nine. However, it is pointed out that there is a list of criminal cases against the petitioner and he was convicted in 80 cases as is seen from Annexure P.4. In most of the cases, the sentence was restricted to the period already undergone by him in custody.

Counsel for the State pointed out that the petitioner at one point of time had absconded and had also escaped from police custody.

The petitioner got bail for similar offences in different cases and copies of the relevant orders are placed as Annexures P.5 to P.7.

The petitioner has spent more than one year and five months in custody and the trial is yet at the initial stage.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed. Bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/ Duty Magistrate.

31.07.2015
renu

(NAVITA SINGH)
JUDGE