

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Crl. Misc. No.M-26843 of 2015

Date of decision: September 10, 2015

Manjit Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment? Yes/No
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not? Yes/No
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest? Yes/No

Present: Mr. Harinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ritu Punj, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

DAYA CHAUDHARY, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.183 dated 18.07.2015 registered under Sections 3/4 of Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act at Police Station Patran, District Patiala during the pendency of the trial.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that all other three accused were arrested at the spot whereas the petitioner was arrested from his house and even the name of the petitioner was not mentioned in the FIR. He also submits that neither any specific role has been attributed to the petitioner nor any other case is pending against him. He also submits that co-accused, namely, Kuldeep Singh and Krishana have already been

granted bail by the trial Court on 02.09.2015 and the petitioner is in custody since 18.07.2015 and nothing is to be recovered from him.

Learned State counsel submits that the investigation has been completed and challan is likely to be presented in near future.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the allegations which are rather on better footings viz-a-viz co-accused who have already been released on regular bail by the trial Court; the petitioner is in custody since 18.07.2015; the trial may take long time in final conclusion and no purpose would be served by keeping him in custody, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

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JUDGE