

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-28942 of 2015

DATE OF DECISION: 24.09.2015

Bhagwant Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

BEFORE:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

- 1. Whether reporters of local newspaper 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. Liaqat Ali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mrs. 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 to petitioner-Bhagwant Singh in case FIR No. 36 dated 5.5.2012 registered under Sections 326/323/341/506/34 IPC at Police Station Ladowal, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner along with co-accused caused injury at the left side of neck of the complainant. The petitioner was declared proclaimed offender and thereafter he was arrested on 11.5.2015 and since then he is in custody. Learned counsel further contends that out of total 19 prosecution witnesses, only three have been examined so far. The

complainant has already been examined and in case the petitioner is released on bail, he will not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and not will not put pressure upon them.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State has not disputed the custody period of three and a half months as well as the stage of the trial.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and also the fact that out of total 19 prosecution witnesses, only 3 have been examined and trial will take long time to conclude, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner-Bhagwant Singh is directed to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

September 24, 2015
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(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE