

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

CRM No.M-34000 of 2015

Date of decision: 09.10.2015

Chaman Lal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Sukhwinder Singh.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

By filing the present petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has sought regular bail in case FIR No.93, dated 07.08.2013, registered under Sectionss 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC'), at Police Station Bilga, Jalandhar City.

It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since October, 2013 (inadvertently written as October, 2015 in para No.5 of the petition). It is a magisterial trial. The co-accused of the petitioner, Nirmal Singh and Jarnail Singh, have already been admitted to bail by this Court.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel opposes the prayer of bail and states that the petitioner is involved in another FIR

under the similar sections. The challan stands presented, out of total 17 witnesses, 08 witnesses have been examined.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

Considering the undergone period and the fact that the co-accused of the petitioner, namely Nirmal Singh and Jarnail Singh, have already been enlarged on bail by this Court; out of total 17 witnesses, only 08 witnesses have been examined so far, therefore, it can be safely inferred that the trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future, without adverting to the merits of the instant case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of the trial, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Anything said herein above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

09.10.2015

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE