

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

CRM-M No.40745 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.12.2015

Pritpal Singh

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State along with A.S.I. Manmohan Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to the petitioner in case FIR No.135 dated 23.09.2014 for offences punishable under Sections 304 and 34 of Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab (**Annexure P-1**).

As per allegations, the petitioner-accused along with co-accused Jaskaran Singh @ Jassi were last seen with deceased-Amandeep Singh on 22.09.2014 before he was found dead in hospital.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that all the three i.e. deceased-Amandeep Singh, co-accused Jaskaran Singh and the petitioner/accused-Pritpal Singh were drug addicts and were friends. The deceased had earlier remained admitted for 7 to 8 months in a De-Addiction Centre, however, on the fateful day by consumption of *Heroin* had died. Since the petitioner also is stated to be a drug addict, he has been falsely implicated. It is further contended that petitioner is in

custody since 23.09.2014. He further submits that similarly placed co-accused Jaskaran Singh @ Jassi has since been granted regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 14.09.2015 (**Annexure P-3**).

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Manmohan Singh, concedes that the identically situated co-accused Jaskaran Singh @ Jassi has since been granted bail by this Court.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the parity of treatment and the facts as noticed above, this Court finds that petitioner/accused-Pritpal Singh deserves the concession of regular bail and as such he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate, Hoshiarpur.

Disposed of.

December 08, 2015

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE