

CRM No. M-7832 of 2015

Date of decision: March 17, 2015

BUTA SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate
for the petitioner.Mr. J.S. Sekhon, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.**Jaspal Singh, J.(Oral)**

This order shall dispose of petition under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure moved by Buta Singh for his bail in case FIR No.42 dated 09.05.2012, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur.

It is an undisputed fact that petitioner has been facing trial at Gurdaspur in the above referred FIR in the Court of Judicial Magistrate, Gurdaspur. During the trial, he absented from the Court on November 15, 2013. Subsequently, he was declared Proclaimed Offender vide order dated January, 2014. He was arrested by the police on January 11, 2015 and since the date of his arrest, he is cooling his heels behind the bars. By now, he must have learnt lesson by remaining absent from the trial Court without any intimation. The trial is likely to take sufficient long time for its final disposal as only four witnesses have been examined out of total seventeen witnesses cited in the list appended with the report under Section 173(2) Cr.P.C.

Taking into consideration all the above referred aspects, petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail at the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

March 17, 2015*m. sharma***(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**