

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-14374 of 2016

Date of Decision: 04.08.2016

Sukhchain Singh @ Chain & another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Arshdeep Singh Kler, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

This is second petition by petitioner no.1 and first petition by petitioner no.2 filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to them in case FIR No.20 dated 18.2.2014 under Sections 363, 120-B IPC and 306 IPC (added later on) registered at Police Station Singh Bhagwantpur, District Ropar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are in custody for more than 2 years and 4 months and as many as four witnesses have been examined so far, but thereafter, this Court has stayed the proceedings before the trial Court vide order dated 18.3.2015 passed in CRM-M-8642-2015 *Jagdish Singh v. State of Punjab and ors.*

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sanjiv Kumar, submits that the allegations against the petitioners are serious in nature, as they have instigated Rajinder Singh to commit suicide.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that as against the total 17 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 4 witnesses have been examined so far and thus, trial will take sufficiently long time, the present petition is allowed. Accordingly, the petitioners are admitted on regular bail subject to furnishing of their bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

It is made clear that expression made hereinabove shall not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case.

August 04, 2016
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?

Yes / No

Whether reportable?

Yes / No