

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

Crl. Misc. No.M-2164 of 2016

Date of Decision: 10.05.2016

Jasbir Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

BEFORE :- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

- 1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ? (Yes/No)**
- 2. To be referred to reporters or not ? (Yes/No)**
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest ? (Yes/No)**

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

Ms. Ritu Punj, Addl. A.G., Punjab
for the respondent-State.

DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.127 dated 10.06.2006 registered under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC at Police Station Sadar, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there are total 19 witnesses, out of which, 07 material witnesses have been examined. The petitioner is in custody since 17.06.2015. The trial may take long time to conclude and no purpose would be served, in case, the petitioner is kept behind bars. The petitioner was not granted bail because of the reason that he remained proclaimed offender for a period of five years and thereafter,

he was arrested.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State has not disputed the stage of trial; custody and also the examination of material witnesses.

Surjit Singh Dhillon, Special Power of Attorney of the complainant, is present in person and submits that the petitioner may leave the Country.

Heard the arguments of learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the allegations levelled in the FIR as well as other documents available on the file.

Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 17.06.2015 and all material witnesses have been examined. There is no possibility that the petitioner may influence the remaining witnesses. Trial may take long time to conclude and no purpose would be served, in case, the petitioner is kept in custody.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court subject to the terms and conditions to be imposed by the trial Court so that the petitioner may not leave the Country without permission of the Court.

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(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE