

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

CRM-M-23419-2016 (O&M)
Date of decision : 09.11.2016

Manpreet Singh @ Manna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Vinod K. Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

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

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in FIR No.36 dated 23.06.2014, registered under Sections 302 and 120 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code; and Section 25 of the Arms Act, at P.S. Mattewal, Distt. Amritsar.

Contents that except the statement of one Jagir Singh who allegedly over-heard the accused talking to each other regarding the murder of deceased Gurdev Singh, there is no evidence on record against the petitioner. The petitioner is not named in the FIR. He is in custody since 06.09.2015. Co-accused Makhan Singh and Harvinder Singh @ Hinda @ Hindu have already been admitted to bail by this Court.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the instant petition. On instructions, learned State counsel submits that a country-made pistol and Rupees ten thousand were recovered from the petitioner. She further informs that out of 34 prosecution witnesses, 4 have

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already been examined.

Heard.

The petitioner is not named in the FIR. He is behind the bars since 06.09.2015. Co-accused Makhan Singh and Harvinder Singh have already admitted to bail. Out of 34 prosecution witnesses, only 4 have been examined so far, therefore, it can safely be inferred that the conclusion of the trial may take considerable time.

Keeping in view the above and 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/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

However, anything noticed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No