

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

CRM No.M-40739 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.01.2016

Sukhwinder Singh @ Sukhdev Singh @ Sukha ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking the concession of regular bail to the petitioner pending trial in case FIR No.14 dated 22.02.2013, under Sections 302/148/149 IPC, registered at Police Station Jhabal, District Tarn Taran.

Complainant is Balbir Singh. Allegations are in relation to an occurrence that took place on 22.02.2013 and in which son of the complainant Surjit Singh had been murdered brutally by a number of persons who were stated to be armed with *kirpans*, *datars* etc. Name of the present petitioner figures as per initial statement of the complainant. Post Mortem Report reveals that deceased Surjit Singh received as many as 16 injuries caused by a sharp weapon.

Keeping in view the serious allegations and the heinous crime, this Court is not inclined to grant to the present petitioner benefit of regular bail even though he has suffered incarceration for a considerable length of time i.e. since 28.02.2013.

It has gone uncontroverted that investigation in the case having

been completed, challan was presented and even charges were framed on 07.06.2013.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Baljit Singh has informed the Court that out of 14 prosecution witnesses cited only 5 have been examined till date. The trial, as such, has proceeded as a snails pace.

The present petition under such circumstances is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial and in any case to conclude the same within a period of six months from today.

Disposed of.

29.01.2016

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE