

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No.M-7166 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: July 26, 2016

Gurmit Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr.G.S.Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms.Shivali, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C.
for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.20 dated 13.03.2015 under Sections
304, 337, 338 and 427 IPC, registered at Police Station Lakho Ke Behram,
District Ferozepur.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms.Shivali, AAG, Punjab, who is
present in the Court, accepted notice on behalf of the respondent-State and
contested the petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as
learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

As per the prosecution version, the present petitioner was

driver of the truck and he was driving the truck on the wrong side of the

road and intentionally hit the vehicle, in which complainant and other persons were travelling on right side, which resulted in the death of 10 persons.

Learned State counsel argued that there was dense fog. The petitioner was driving the truck on the wrong side knowing fully that by doing so, during the dense fog, accident could occur. It is further argued that the petitioner was also not having any driving licence.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, in view of the nature and gravity of the offence and without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I do not find it a fit case where petitioner is entitled to benefit of regular bail.

Therefore, finding no merit in the present petition, the same is dismissed.

As the petitioner is in custody since 20.03.2015, therefore, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial of the case by giving short adjournments and if required, by giving day-to-day adjournments.

July 26, 2016
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(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No