

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

**CRM-M No.7754 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.04.2016**

Maninder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. V.K.Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mikhail Kad, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Sikander Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to the petitioner-Maninder Singh in case FIR No.98 dated 29.06.2015, under Sections 302, 120-B, 201 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Bagha Purana, District Moga.

The complainant-Jeet Singh is the father of Gurjant Singh (since deceased).

The case of the prosecution is that on 28.06.2015, Gurjant Singh was lured to the house of main accused-Amandeep Singh and his co-accused wife Naginder Kaur and thereafter they both committed his murder. The motive was that Amandeep Singh suspected illicit relations of his wife with Gurjant Singh.

The petitioner-Maninder Singh is the brother of main accused Naginder Kaur and his name has surfaced in the investigations on the statement of neighbour-Jagsir Singh stating that he had heard Amandeep Singh and Naginder Kaur speaking that after committing the murder, his

dead body has been thrown in the nearby *Sewer/Naala* with the help of the present accused.

It is submitted that at best, the case against the petitioner is for an offence under Section 201, IPC for disposing of the dead body.

It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 18.07.2015 and investigations qua him are over and the case is at the initial stage of recording of 27 cited prosecution witnesses.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Sikander Singh, is unable to refute the aforesaid factual situation.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the limited attributed role, custody period of the petitioner and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court finds that petitioner/accused deserves the concession of regular bail and as such he is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

April 01, 2016
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE