

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

**CRIMINAL MISC. M NO.11030 OF 2017
DATE OF DECISION: MAY 10, 2017**

Jasminder Singh @ Jassi

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court for grant of regular bail as he is in custody since 20.08.2016.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the role of the petitioner is similar to that of his co-accused Manjit Singh and Paramjit Singh, who have been granted regular bail by this Court on 22.03.2017 in Criminal Misc. M No.6763 of 2017. He contends that the trial is not likely to conclude soon as proceedings of declaring other two co-accused, namely, Pawan and Dharambir as proclaimed offenders have been initiated. He also submits that the petitioner being similarly placed to other two co-accused referred to above, he may be granted the benefit of bail.

Counsel for the respondent-State, on the other hand, contends

that although the principal role attributed to the petitioner cannot be distinguished from that of co-accused Manjit Singh and Paramjit Singh but two mobile phones of Amandeep Singh Chandi, who was kidnapped, have been recovered from the petitioner and, therefore, the concession of bail be not granted to him.

I have considered the submissions made by counsel for the parties and with their assistance have gone through the case file.

The petitioner has been attributed the same role as that of co-accused Manjit Singh and Paramjit Singh, who have been granted concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 22.03.2017. The only additional aspect is that two mobile phones have been recovered from the petitioner, which were of kidnapped person Amandeep Singh Chandi. It is not in dispute that the proceedings for declaring two of the co-accused of the petitioner as proclaimed offender, referred to above, have been initiated.

It has been informed by the counsel for the State that trial is in progress and out of 16 witnesses, four have been examined and the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 11.05.2017.

Therefore, without going into the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Amritsar.

May 10, 2017
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

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