

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

CRM No.M-14039 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.05.2017

Varinder Singh @ Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Kansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet K. Athwal, DAG, Punjab.

• • • •

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.61, dated 15.10.2016, under Sections 379/328 IPC, registered at Police Station Sandaur, District Sangrur.

Petitioner has already faced incarceration of almost 5 months against the allegations of having stolen 4 buffaloes, Rs.10,000/- from the complainant as also two mobile phones.

Investigation in the case is complete, challan stands presented and the charges have also been framed.

Trial is stated to be at the very initial stage and would take time to conclude.

Even though, State counsel would oppose the instant petition by submitting that there are two other cases registered against the petitioner on similar allegations, yet it has gone unrebutted that the petitioner is on bail in such proceedings.

It may be noticed that the present FIR was registered against unnamed persons and the petitioner has been implicated on the basis of his own disclosure statement recorded in another case i.e. FIR No.109, dated 05.12.2016, at Police Station Tapa, District Barnala.

Co-accused, Sandeep Singh @ Soni and against whom there were identical allegations has been granted benefit of bail by this Court vide order dated 07.03.2017 passed in CRM-M-6994-2017.

Without making any observations on merits, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petition is allowed. Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Sangrur.

Disposed of.

17.05.2017

harjeet

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | No |