

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

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Crl. Misc -M 29809 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Order: 06.11.2017

Manjit Singh @ Laddi

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE DR. SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: - Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. A. S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G, Punjab.

SHEKHER DHAWAN, J.

Present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, namely, Manjit Singh @ Laddi, in case FIR No. 04, dated 12.01.2017, registered under Section 304 IPC, at Police Station Pojewal, District S.B.S. Nagar (PB).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 12.01.2017 and if the allegation as per FIR is taken to be correct it is a case of negligent driving only as there is no enmity between the petitioner and the deceased. He further submitted that the trial will take some time to conclude, therefore, the petitioner be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposed the bail petition on the ground that it was a duty of the petitioner to stop while seeing the deceased and other official on election duty coming on the road and petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties; the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 12.01.2017 and it is a case of vehicular accident and there was no enmity between the petitioner and the deceased to commit the offence of causing murder are culpable homicide of a deceased. However, without expressing anything on merits at this stage and the fact that the trial is still to take some time, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, S.B.S. Nagar.

Nothing said here-in-above shall be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

November 06, 2017
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(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No