

CRM-M-30445 of 2017

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

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Date of Decision: 01.12.2017

Maninder @ Manminder @ Mani

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present: - Mr. Peeush Gagneja, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. has been made for grant of regular bail to petitioner Maninder @ Manminder @ Mani in a case arising from FIR No.74 dated 19.07.2012 registered under Section 392 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act (challan produced under Sections 395, 307 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act) at Police Station City-II, Abohar, District Fazilka.

According to the prosecution, petitioner along with his four accomplices having pistols robbed Innova car and mobile phone by firing two shots in the air and putting the pistol on the ear of the complainant and his companion.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that two co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted bail in the year 2012. Petitioner is in custody since 12.03.2013 i.e. for more than 04 years and 08 months. Yet the charge has not been framed against the petitioner. The

conclusion of trial shall take a long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in jail.

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On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner submitting that three more cases are pending against the petitioner i.e two under Section 307 IPC and one under Section 353 IPC. That apart, petitioner was booked in two cases of dacoity, but has been acquitted for technical reasons by giving the benefit of doubt.

Considering over-all facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner is found involved in any other criminal case in future, this order shall stand automatically cancelled and he would be kept in custody till the conclusion of trial.

December 01, 2017
R.S.

(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

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