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

**CRM-M-34884-2017
Date of Decision: 22.09.2017**

Raja Singh @ Ranja

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Ishar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail in case FIR No.24 dated 07.03.2017 under Sections 308, 365, 325, 323, 341, 148, 149 & 427 of the Indian Penal Code (Section 308 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

[2]. It is contended on behalf of the petitioner that he has been falsely roped in at the instance of the complainant, who himself is an absconder in a non-bailable case in an FIR registered against him on 16.02.2017, and that in any event, no sharp cutting weapons were used by the assailants in the present case and initially, even Section 308 of the IPC was not mentioned in the original FIR, but was added subsequently as the Police Authorities are in connivance with the complainant which would be obvious from the fact that they have still not arrested him in the previously pending FIR in which his application for anticipatory bail was also

dismissed.

[3]. Be that as it may, the present position is that investigation is complete and charges have been framed in the Trial Court and as many as 20 witnesses has been cited in the challan and their evidence has not yet commenced. The petitioner has remained in detention for almost four months now and in the circumstances, his further detention for an indefinite period would not appear to be justified.

[4]. As such, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Raja Singh @ Ranja is directed to be released on regular bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

22.09.2017

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No