

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-39375-2017

Date of decision: 01.11.2017

Sukhdev Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Ms. Gurvir Kaur Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Gill, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.54 dated 22.04.2004 under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Mallanwala, District Ferozepur.

Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender vide order dated 12.03.2009 and later on he has been arrested on 17.08.2017 and is in judicial lockup. It is further submitted that his co-accused namely Paramjit Singh, Kewal Singh and Soni have already faced a full length trial before the trial Court and vide judgment dated 09.09.2011, they have been acquitted by the trial Court, whereas the petitioner along with one co-accused namely Kulwinder Kaur was declared as proclaimed offender. Counsel for the petitioner further submitted that the petitioner, at the time when he was declared as

proclaimed offender, was not in India and therefore, could not appear before the trial Court. It is further submitted that the petitioner is already facing the trial.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Jagdev Singh, has submitted that supplementary challan has been presented and next date before the trial Court is 18.11.2017 for framing the charge.

Considering the fact that the petitioner has already undergone 05 months and 28 days of actual sentence, after he was arrested in the present FIR and in view of the fact that three of his co-accused have already been acquitted by the trial Court after facing the trial, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing two sureties to the satisfaction of the trial Court subject to payment of costs of Rs.30,000/- to be deposited in the District Legal Services Authority at Ferozepur/Sub Division at Zira.

Disposed of accordingly.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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