

**Criminal Misc. No. M- 1052 of 2018 (O&M)**

Date of decision : February 02, 2018

Inderpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL**

Present: Mr. Sarju Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Seena Mand, DAG, Punjab.

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**LISA GILL, J.**

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in FIR No. 106 dated 22.07.2017 under Section 306 IPC (Section 364 IPC deleted) registered at Police Station Balachaur, District SBS, Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the present petitioner has not been named in the FIR. He is sought to be nominated as an accused on the basis of a statement of the class mate of the deceased girls to the effect that one of the deceased used to chat frequently with the petitioner and the co-accused. It is submitted that there is nothing on record to indicate commission of an offence punishable under Section 306 IPC qua the petitioner. The content of the chat/messages does not, in any manner, indicate the petitioner to be involved in the said offence. Moreover, the complainant, in this case, it is submitted is not coming forward to depose before the learned trial Court. Similarly situated co-accused – Karanjit Singh has been afforded the concession of bail pending trial by this Court on 06.12.2017 in CRM-M-40060-2017 (Annexure P-3). It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the State is unable to deny that similarly situated co-accused has been afforded the concession of bail pending trial by this Court on 06.12.2017. It is verified, that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. No recovery is to be effected from him. Trial, in this case, is not likely to conclude in the near future.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

No useful purpose shall be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition.

Consequently, the petitioner be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

It is reiterated that none of the observations made herein above are a reflection on the merits of the case and shall have no bearing on the trial.

February 02, 2018  
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**(Lisa Gill)**  
**Judge**

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