

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

**CRM-M No.13257 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 31.05.2018**

Surjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. J.S.Jaidka, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.139 dated 14.05.2016, under Sections 302, 34 of the Indian Penal Code (Section 323, IPC added later on) and Sections 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

On the last date of hearing i.e. 22.05.2018, it has been pointed out by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 26.05.2016 and charges were framed on 27.10.2016. It has further been submitted that there are total 27 prosecution witnesses and out of them, only 08 witnesses have been examined till date. Learned Additional Sessions Judge was requested to send his comments before the next date of hearing as to what are the reasons for delaying the trial in the above said murder case.

In pursuance of aforesaid order dated 22.05.2018, the comments of the learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Ludhiana have been received.

Perusal of the same reveals that out of total 27 prosecution witnesses, only 09 formal witnesses remain to be examined. It is further stated that now the case is pending for 02.06.2018 for the remaining prosecution evidence.

In view of above, no case for grant of regular bail is made out, but the learned trial Court is requested to conclude the trial within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order as the petitioner is in custody since 26.05.2016.

May 31, 2018
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No