

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

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CRM-M NO.13995 OF 2018

DATE OF DECISION: APRIL 17, 2018

Manjit Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr.DAG, Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court for grant of regular bail in FIR No.0185, dated 20.08.2017 registered under Sections 302, 392, 34, 120-B IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Sadar Khanna.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that the allegation against the petitioner is that he had carried out a recce of the house of the deceased a day prior on the motorcycle bearing No.PB-10EZ-2086, which was owned by Aslam Mohammad. He contends that apart from this allegation, nothing has been alleged against the petitioner, showing his involvement in the commission of offence as per the challan presented in the Court. His further submission is that the petitioner was arrested on

08.09.2017 but till date, no charge has been framed and further the trial is not likely to conclude in near future. He, thus, prays that the petitioner may be granted the concession of regular bail.

On the other hand, counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Avtar Singh, Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana, could not dispute the assertions of counsel for the petitioner. However, he states that two co-accused of the petitioner have been arrested and the remaining four are still enlarged and the proceedings under Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure have been initiated against them. He, however, could not dispute the fact that the charge has till date not been framed in the present case.

Having considered the submissions made by counsel for the parties and keeping in view the allegations which have been made against the petitioner and he being in custody for more than six months and further the fact that the trial is not likely to conclude in near future, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail by the trial Court, Ludhiana, during the pendency of the trial to its satisfaction.

April 17, 2018
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

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