

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

CRM-M No.1401 of 2018

Date of Decision : 23.01.2018

Gurwinder Singh @ Rana

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Anterpreet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.120 dated 24th May, 2009, registered under Sections 392, 506, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, (for short, 'the IPC') (later on added Section 120-B of the IPC) at Police Station Jagraon, District Ludhiana (Rural).

2. It transpires that the petitioner was earlier on regular bail but then absented from the proceedings. He claims to have absented due to *bona fide* mistake regarding the status of

investigation and the report submitted in the Court. Consequently, coercive processes issued against him and ultimately he was declared a Proclaimed Offender on 10th October, 2013. He subsequently surrendered voluntarily before the Ld. Trial Court on 7th November, 2017 and has been in custody thereafter.

3. It further transpires that the other two co-accused persons in the case have already been acquitted by the Ld. Trial Court.

4. In the given circumstances and considering the long detention undergone by the present petitioner at this stage, he may now be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court concerned.

5. Disposed off.

January 23, 2018
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No