

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

Crl. Misc. M-14303 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: April 20, 2018

Gurmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, AAG Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.187 dated 08.06.2017, under Section 506 of Indian Penal Code and Section 12 of POCSO Act (offences under Sections 341, 34 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Pinjore, District Panchkula.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein, who is the paternal uncle of the main accused Harjinder Singh @ Monty, was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 09.06.2017. It is submitted that the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case. It is argued that main accused Harjinder Singh @ Monty has already been granted regular bail by this court on 14.03.2018 in Criminal Misc. M-42194 of 2017. It is also contended that conclusion of trial will take sufficient

time, as the complainant is deliberately delaying the trial, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions from Investigating Officer opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that the offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 09.06.2017 and that main accused Harjinder Singh @ Monty has already been granted regular bail by this court, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

April 20, 2018

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No