

207 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
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CRM-M-14667-2018(O&M)

Date of decision:31.08.2018

Bikramjit Singh Grewal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present: Mr. Atul Lakhanpal, Senior Advocate with
Mr. R.S.Chahal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of bail pending trial in case
FIR No. 98 dated 09.10.2017 under Sections 420 and 120-B of IPC,
registered at Police Station Sadar Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Learned Senior counsel contends that the present case has been
concocted at the instance of one Karamjot Singh Chahal, with whom the
petitioner is already having other litigation. Learned counsel further
contends that except the statement of interested witnesses, there is no
corroborating evidence to suggest the complicity of the petitioner in the
crime. The petitioner is in custody since 03.11.2017.

Pursuant to the previous order dated 14.08.2018 passed by this
Court, even the main witnesses have also been examined by the prosecution.
No purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any more.
The trial will take long time to conclude because only 06 witnesses have
been examined so far by the prosecution out of total 26 witnesses.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that there are
four other cases against the petitioner. The trial is going on in the right

earnest.

Therefore, the petitioner does not deserve to be released on bail.

As reply to this, counsel for the petitioner submits that out of the aforesaid four cases, petitioner has already been acquitted in three cases, and only one case is pending. In that case also, the petitioner is already on bail.

In view of the above submissions made by counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, but considering the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 03.11.2017 and the trial is likely to take some time, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

31.08.2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No