

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1703-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 22.11.2018

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Afzal Hussain, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Singh Choudhary, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in a case registered vide FIR No.219 dated 23.4.2016, under Section 396 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 25 of Arms Act (lateron FIR was converted into Section 302 IPC), registered at Police Station Punhana, District Mewat.

Learned State counsel has informed that all the 17 cited prosecution witnesses have already been examined and that the case is presently fixed for recording of defence evidence on 29.11.2018.

On the other hand, learned counsel for petitioner has submitted that the trial is not likely to be immediately concluded as the petitioner is also to lead defence evidence and has to examine as many as 7 defence witnesses.

Since the prosecution evidence already stands closed, it is now upon the petitioner/accused to conclude the evidence at the earliest.

In view of the aforestated position, I do not find any ground for grant of bail to the petitioner as the trial is virtually at its fag end. The petition, as such, is dismissed.

The trial Court is however, directed to make strenuous efforts to record defence evidence at the earliest and to conclude the trial expeditiously.

November 22, 2018
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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

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