

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

CRM-M-18294-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: October 16, 2018

Ravinder Singh alias Irvinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sunil Chadha, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. M.K. Arya, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.P.S. Gill, DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial to the petitioner in case FIR No. 166 dated 26.06.2017, under Sections 302, 313, 314, 315, 34 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations as set out in the FIR are patently false. It is also argued that in the statement of the complainant so recorded, there is material improvement from the statement as given under the FIR. It is also argued that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 27.06.2017 and the examination of the material witness i.e. the complainant has taken place and that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the petitioner

is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, oppose the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, however, he does not dispute the fact that the examination of the material witness have taken place.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 27.06.2017 and that the material witness have been examined and that out of total 13 witness, 01 material witness has been examined, 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.

October 16, 2018

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No