

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

CRM-M-22496-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 8.8.2018

Satpal Singh		... Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Haryana		... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. R.S.Bains, Advocate with
Mr. Lalit Garg, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, DAG, Haryana.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Petitioner Satpal Singh has filed this petition seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.29 dated 24.2.2012 under Sections 392, 397, 201, 412, 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Sector 14, District Panchkula.

The FIR was lodged at the instance of Sant Lal who alleged that on the day of occurrence when he along with Vikas Sharma, after withdrawing an amount of ₹6 lacs from HDFC Bank, were proceeding on a motorcycle, they were way-laid by 3 persons who came on a Zen car from behind and who by brandishing a pistol, snatched the bag containing ₹6 lacs.

Notice of this petition was issued to the State. Learned State counsel has opposed the present petition.

The learned State counsel has today filed custody certificate indicating that the petitioner is involved in large number of cases. Custody certificate is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in a large number of cases consequent upon registration of FIR at the instance of the petitioner against officials of CIA Staff Panchkula and that in majority of the cases the star witnesses had not identified him.

It has further been submitted that even in the present case complainant Sant Lal as well as the person accompanying him namely Vikas Sharma have not identified him when they stepped into the witness box. Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this Court to the deposition of PW-1 Sant Lal (Annexure P-4) and deposition of PW-2 Vikas Sharma (Annexure P-5), a perusal of which reveals that both the said witnesses had not identified the petitioner to be the accused.

Having regard to the aforesaid position especially that the petitioner has not been identified by the star witnesses, in my opinion, it is a fit case for grant of regular bail. The petition, as such, is accepted. Petitioner Satpal Singh is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate Panchkula.

This petition stands accepted accordingly.

August 8, 2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No