

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

Crl. Misc. M-25012 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 02, 2018

Achhru Singh @ Lucky

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG Punjab.

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.174 dated 11.11.2017, under Sections 363, 366-A, 506 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 3/4/5/8 of POCSO Act registered at Police Station Jodhan, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 12.11.2017. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that investigation in the matter is complete, as the challan has been presented and 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, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature. However, does not dispute the fact that challan has already been presented.

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 12.11.2017 and that investigation is complete, as the challan has been presented, 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.

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No