

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

**Criminal No. M-25635 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 2, 2018**

BHART

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.

Petitioner Bhart seeks regular bail in case FIR No.84 dated 22.3.2018 under Sections 379-B/411 of Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station A-Division, District Amritsar, in which offences under Sections 182/192/196 of Motor Vehicle Act were also added subsequently.

The allegations, in nutshell, are that a secret information was received against the petitioner Bhart and his co-accused namely Sahil & Ghacha and upon “nakabandi”, they were apprehended while travelling on a motor-cycle. Upon inquiry, the driver disclosed his name as Bhart and pillion rider disclosed his name as Sahil. One mobile phone make HTC of white colour was recovered from Sahil, who disclosed that he and petitioner Bhart alongwith Gacha had snatched the said mobile phone from Sarifpura. During the course of investigation, the complainant had identified the said recovered mobile phone, to be the one which had been snatched from him.

The learned State counsel has informed that the petitioner has been behind the bars since 22.3.2018. The learned State counsel has however opposed the bail by submitting that the petitioner is also involved in other identical case registered just prior to registration of the present FIR.

In view of the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since last more than three months and the conclusion of trial is likely to consume some time, no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed, the petitioner-Bhart is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate concerned.

July 2, 2018
Sandeep

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*