

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

**CRM-M-30051-2018
Date of decision: 24.07.2018**

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. J. S. Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 72 dated 03.12.2015, registered under Sections 307, 148 and 149 of the IPC (Section 34 IPC added later on) and Section 25/54/59 of the Arms Act at Police Station Khalchian, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and the FIR was registered against one Amrik Singh, Ranjot Singh and Heera Singh with the allegations that these persons, along with some other persons, have caused injuries to the complainant and Heera Singh took out his pistol and fired three shots in order to kill the complainant which hit on his right leg. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that during investigation, police found all these seven persons as innocent and thereafter, the petitioner along with one Jagdeep Singh were involved in the present FIR. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 20.08.2016 and despite the fact

that a period of about two years has lapsed, only the challan has been presented and the charges are yet to be framed, hence, the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Hardev Singh, has not disputed the fact that initially the present FIR was registered against seven other persons who have been found innocent during the course of investigation and thereafter, the petitioner and co-accused Jagdeep Singh were named in the present FIR. It is also not disputed that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 20.08.2016 and only challan has been presented till date and even charges are yet to be framed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody for about two years and conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time since only challan has been presented till date and even charges are yet to be framed; the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

July 24, 2018

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No