

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.216

CRM-M-33660-2018

Date of decision : 13.08.2018

Sanjeev Kumar @ Minta Gujjar

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. R.K. Dadwal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Walia, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.164 dated 22.12.2016, registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, under Sections 307, 326, 325, 324, 323, 394, 148 and 149 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 10.11.2017. Investigation in this case is complete and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody indefinitely. Moreover, the main accused has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 08.03.2018 (Annexure P2) and thus, the petitioner also deserves the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for regular bail on the ground that two grievous injuries are attributed to the petitioner. Apart from that there are 11 other cases pending against the petitioner. Thus, it cannot be ruled out that the petitioner will not indulge in criminal activities if he is granted regular bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that out of 11 cases mentioned by the learned State counsel, the petitioner has been granted regular bail in 10 cases and only 2 cases are left.

It may be that the investigation in this case is complete and that the trial is likely to take some time to be concluded, yet, I cannot loose sight of the fact that the petitioner is accused in 11 other cases. Releasing such a person on regular bail would amount to permitting a known criminal to roam freely in society and the same cannot be permitted.

Thus, the present petition is dismissed, at this stage.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

13.08.2018

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No