

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

**CRM-M-38935-2018
Date of Decision: 29.11.2018**

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...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN,J

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0076 dated 06.06.2015 under Sections 379/201/429 IPC and 11 of Animal Cruelty Act, registered at Police Station Nurpur Bedi, District Rupnagar.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier, the petitioner was granted bail on 31.07.2015, however, he absented on 31.05.2016 and, thereafter, he was declared a proclaimed offender on 26.07.2017. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested on 26.05.2018 and is facing the trial.

Counsel further submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other similar case except one case i.e. FIR No. 60 dated 27.05.2018 under Section 174-A IPC which was registered when he was declared a proclaimed offender.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from H.C.Sham Lal, however, submits that there is possibility of absconding if the petitioner is granted bail, as he remained absent from the Court proceedings for a period of 02 years.

Heard.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 26.05.2018 and the case is still at the stage of recording of prosecution evidence, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/two sureties to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

29.11.2018
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(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No