

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

Sr. No.210

CRM-M-43981 of 2018

DECIDED ON: December 15, 2018

ARSH KUMAR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.89, dated 16.05.2018, registered under Section 379-B, 34 IPC at Police Station Division No.6, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that the investigation in this case is complete but charge has not yet been framed. Thus, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. The petitioner has been in custody since 26.06.2018. There are two other FIRs registered against the petitioner on similar allegations but he has been granted regular bail in the said cases. Thus, the petitioner be released on regular bail in this case also.

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Learned State counsel opposes the prayer on the ground that in case the petitioner is released on bail he is likely to indulge in the same act of snatching again.

Keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned, at Jalandhar.

However, it is clarified that if another FIR is registered against the petitioner on the allegations of snatching/theft, the prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail and thereafter, the petitioner would remain incarcerated till the conclusion of the trial.

December 15, 2018

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No