

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

CRM-M No.49815 of 2018

Date of decision : 21.11.2018

Manpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

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DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to petitioner Manpreet Singh in case FIR No.80 dated 13.07.2011 registered under Sections 452, 325, 323, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station – Canal Colony, Bathinda, Distt. Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there are total seven accused and out of them, six have been released on regular bail. Case of the petitioner is on better footings viz-a-viz the other accused who have been released on regular bail, as far as the custody period is concerned. Moreover, the petitioner surrendered himself, whereas co-accused Malkit Singh was arrested. No purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the factum of release of other six co-accused on regular bail and also the custody part.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also gone through the FIR and other documents available on record.

Keeping in view the parity with co-accused Malkit Singh as well as five others, who have been released on bail; the custody period undergone by the petitioner and also the fact that the petitioner surrendered himself, whereas co-accused Malkit was arrested, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

21.11.2018

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**(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No