

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

CRM-M-9995-2017

Date of decision: January 09, 2018

Gurminder Singh @ Gurminder Singh
@ Ginda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Vishal Deep Goyal, Advocate with
Ms. Supriya Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. R.S. Bains, Advocate.

Rajan Gupta, J.(oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 307, 452, 448, 511, 294, 506, 148, 149 IPC (Section 455 IPC added later on) and Sections 25/27/54/59 Arms Act at Police Station Hathur, District Ludhiana, vide FIR No.24 dated 20.03.2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that petitioner was not initially named in the FIR. His name figured in the supplementary statement of the complainant during investigation, on the basis of CCTV footage obtained by the investigating agency. Petitioner is in custody since 24.05.2016. Trial has not made much headway, as only one witness has been examined in chief. Thus, no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature.

Heard. Keeping in view the aforesaid contentions, period of incarceration of the petitioner, I am of the considered view that no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. The trial may take long time to conclude. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ludhiana.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

January 09, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No