

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

**CRM-M-8273-2018
Date of decision: 19.04.2018**

Balwan @ Sukhdev Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Jitender Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mrs. Anju Arora, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0080 dated 17.08.2017, under Sections 452, 324, 323, 354, 148 and 149 of the IPC (Section 307 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Sekhwan, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in custody since 20.11.2017. It is also contended that in fact other co-accused have already been granted regular bail by order dated 06.04.2018 passed by this Court in **CRM-M-47029-2017**. It is submitted that since the co-accused have already been granted regular bail and the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner should also be released on regular bail pending trial.

Mrs. Anju Arora, Addl. A.G., Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondent-State and contested the bail application. She opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, however, is not in a position to dispute

the arguments raised by the counsel for the petitioner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner is in custody since 20.11.2017; co-accused have already been granted regular bail and the trial is likely to take some time, no useful purpose would be served in keeping him in custody furthermore. Hence, the present petition is accepted. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, any opinion expressed herein is for the purpose of grant of regular bail and not an opinion on the merits of the case.

19.04.2018

Waseem Ansari

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*