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

**CRM-M No.289 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 05.02.2019**

Mandeep Singh @ Manna

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Mohinder Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.127 dated 20.09.2017 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 379-B, 506 of Indian Penal Code (Section 379-B IPC deleted and Section 395 IPC added later on) at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been in custody since 24.10.2017 and there is no objective evidence against him. He further states that even if it may be so, yet the petitioner has now been in custody for more than one year and three months and consequently should be released on bail on the basis of his incarceration.

Learned Deputy Advocate General on instructions from

Police official states that only official witnesses remain to be examined and

since it is a very serious case and the petitioner is involved in many such cases, instead of granting bail to the petitioner, it would be more appropriate to put a time cap on the trial. She has stated that prosecution would conclude its entire evidence on 30.04.2019, subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Resultantly, the petition is dismissed at this stage and the trial Court is directed to release the petitioner on bail to its satisfaction in case the prosecution does not conclude its entire evidence on or before 30.04.2019, subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending C.Ms, if any, also stand disposed of.

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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	-	Yes
Whether reportable	-	No