

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

**CRM No.M-2442 of 2019**

Date of Decision: 08.03.2019

Jagtar Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab

....Respondent

***BEFORE :- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY***

Present:- Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, D.A.G., Punjab.

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**DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

This petition has been filed by accused petitioner Jagtar Singh under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail to him in case FIR No.89 dated 14.12.2016 registered under Section 460 IPC (but charges under Sections 302/460/457/380/34 IPC were also framed) at Police Station Bhadaur, District Barnala during pendency of the trial.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the case. As per case of the prosecution, the father of the complainant was murdered by some un-known persons and it is a case of blind murder. Petitioner and co-accused have been implicated on the basis of extra judicial confession made by Satnam Singh. Petitioner is in custody since 20.02.2017. Co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Satnam Singh @ Lovely and Mander Singh @ Mandir Singh have been released on regular bail vide orders dated 03.11.2017 and 20.12.2018, respectively. All material witnesses have been examined and the custody of the petitioner is more than two years. Out of total 24 witnesses, 04 witnesses have been examined. Still trial may take some time to conclude and no

useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

Learned State counsel has not opposed the custody period; the stage of trial as well as releasing of two co-accused on regular bail.

Heard the arguments of learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the contents of the FIR as well as other documents on the file.

By considering the parity with co-accused, namely, Satnam Singh @ Lovely and Mander Singh @ Mandir Singh; custody of the petitioner since 20.02.2017; the fact that all material witnesses have been examined; the case is based on circumstantial evidence and no evidence has been collected during investigation and the petitioner has been implicated on the basis of extra judicial confession made by Satnam Singh; the trial may take some time to conclude and no useful purpose would be served by keeping him behind bars, the present petition is allowed and petitioner, namely, Jagtar Singh is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

**(DAYA CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**

08.03.2019  
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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No