

In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM-M-17594-2019
Date of Decision: May 21, 2019

Balwinder Singh @ Binder

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present: Mr. G.S. Bhatia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Gill, DAG, Punjab.

Ramendra Jain, J. (Oral)

Through the instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to petitioner – Balwinder Singh @ Binder, in case FIR No. 265, dated 02.09.2017, registered under Sections 379-B, 411, 34 IPC, at Police Station A Division, District Amritsar City.

According to the prosecution, the petitioner is facing in the aforesaid FIR on the allegation that he snatched the mobile phone of the complainant in the evening of 02.09.2017 which was recovered on his arrest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is in custody since more than one year and four months. Co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Malkiat Singh @ Noni @ Ranjodh, was granted regular bail by this Court on 30.05.2018 in CRM-M-15296-2018. Conclusion of trial may take long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in jail. Thus, treating the case of the petitioner on the

same parity as that of his co-accused, he may be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposed the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner-Balwinder Singh @ Binder, is ordered to be released on bail pending trial, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

May 21, 2019
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(Ramendra Jain)
Judge

Whether reasoned / speaking : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No