

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

**CRM-M-36710-2018  
Date of decision: 13.09.2019**

**Ranjit Singh @ Mangi**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

Present:- Mr. Dinesh Nagar, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

**ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)**

This is the second petition that has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 102 dated 07.10.2017, registered under Sections 307, 34 of the IPC and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Behram, S.B.S. Nagar, District S.B.S. Nagar (Nawanshahr). The first petition bearing CRM-M-44843-2017 was dismissed as withdrawn on 21.05.2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the grounds for filing the second petition are that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 09.10.2017 and all the private witnesses have already been examined and there is no possibility of tampering with the prosecution evidence.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that out of total 24 prosecution witnesses, only 08 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in the cross-version, which was cancelled by the police, the petitioner has already filed a protest petition which is also being tried together.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of the custody certificate dated 31.08.2018, has not disputed the factual position.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody for the last more than one year and eleven months; the case is still at the stage of recording the statements of prosecution witnesses and also in view of the fact that statement of the complainant has already been recorded, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

**13.09.2019**

*Waseem Ansari*

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)**

**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned*

*Yes/No*

*Whether reportable*

*Yes/No*