

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

CRM-M-20021 of 2019

Date of Decision: 22.05.2019

Jatinder Singh @ Bhinda

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking bail pending trial in case FIR No.73 dated 26.06.2018, registered under Sections 324, 34 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Lambran, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 01.07.2018 and his co-accused, namely Raman Kumar, has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 06.03.2019 passed in CRM-M-52855 of 2018. Further contends that allegations against the petitioner are similar to that of above co-accused and thus, treating the case on similar footing, he be released on bail.

The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kewal Singh.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper book.

Concededly, the co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Raman Kumar, whose role is similar has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court. Paper book reveals that after investigation, report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. was submitted on 04.08.2018 before the Court of competent jurisdiction and charges were framed on 14.11.2018. There are total 16 prosecution witnesses cited in this case, but only two have been examined till date. The trial is likely to take a long time to be concluded and as such no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars any more.

In view of the abovesaid circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is accepted. Petitioner Jatinder Singh @ Bhinda be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

[MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU]
JUDGE

May 22, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned	yes/no
Whether reportable?	yes/no